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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, May 11, 2008

BIBLE STUDY..... 10 a.m.
"Gospel of Luke"

MORNING WORSHIP..... 11 a.m.
"Ruth: Mother of Obed"
Ron Adams

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
"Great Expectations #3"
Dan Austin

WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
"The Parables of Jesus"

News & Notes

Welcome Visitors. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we would like to welcome you and hope you will stay for a while after service so we can get to know you.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel who are overseas--**Logan Harper** and **Sam Barton** and for their families.

Among our visitors last week were **Nathan** and **Rachel Nolte** from Sachse, Texas and **Matthew Vanfosson**.

Ron and **Marie Adams** will be moving from San Diego to Arkansas this month and **Doris Harmon** will be moving to Minnesota in June. Please pray that the Adams and Doris have safe journeys.

... *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.* Col 3:16

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Psalm 72:1-19

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The Flood and Baptism

Frank J. Jamerson

Romans 6:3-5

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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Romans 8:36-38

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

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Many of the teachings of the New Testament were prefigured in the Old Testament. The Old Testament story is the type and the New Testament lesson is the antitype, or that which is prefigured. One of these types is the flood. After discussing Noah's salvation from a world of wickedness by the flood, Peter said, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 3:21). Baptism is the antitype of the flood. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible reads, "Baptism which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Many think that this passage says baptism is a figure of "our salvation." This passage does not so state and neither does any other Scripture teach this doctrine. It says that baptism "corresponds to" or is a "like figure" of Noah's salvation in the flood.

Notice three things in the passage.

1. Baptism is not a value because of washing dirt from the body.
2. It is an appeal to God for a good or clear conscience. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). One who believes and obeys the commands of Christ will have a good conscience.
3. Men teach that baptism does NOT now save, but Peter taught that baptism does "NOW save."

Baptism is a burial in water (Romans 6:3-5; Acts 8:36-38), and is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Following baptism, we must "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).