

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun. Oct. 10	The Mystery of Death & the Beauty of Hell
Mon. Oct. 11	NO SEMINAR
Tues. Oct. 12	A Love that Transforms
Wed. Oct. 13	Why So Many Denominations?
Thurs. Oct. 14	NO SEMINAR

*Answers in Prophecy will continue nightly **through October 16** (except Mondays & Thursdays). Every night, we'll serve a delicious, plant-based supper at 6:30pm, and the program will formally begin at 7pm. We hope you'll plan to be here for each session!

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Taking a Stand at the End

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As earth's history comes to a close and the long-awaited return of Christ approaches, the question will be asked: "Who is able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17). In response to this seemingly hopeless question, Revelation triumphantly pictures a people who do stand, a people who stand with the Lord Jesus and follow Him wherever He leads (Rev. 7:2-4; 14:1-4). Like the familiar song says, we all "want to be in that number!" What can we do to stand with Jesus in the end and follow Him wherever He leads?

Follow the Leader

- Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:27-28; 18:22—When people were called to follow Jesus, the invitation implied a radical detachment from self and a radical attachment to Christ alone.
- Mark 8:34; Luke 14:27—Following Jesus requires taking up one's _____. When self is crucified, we can live a new life in Jesus! (cf. Gal. 2:20)

All Things New

- 2 Corinthians 5:17—The promise of re-creation and complete newness is given to anyone who is in _____.

For whatever reason, the idea of receiving something brand new has a strong appeal to many of us, especially when replacing something that has become old and worn. God's promise, however, is of infinitely more value since He can give us a brand new life, one free of past miseries and full of potential joys (Ps. 23:3; 16:11). If the simple condition of receiving this newness is to be "in Christ," how exactly do we enter into that experience? How do we bury ourselves in Him?

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- ❑ Colossians 3:3; Galatians 3:27—To be “in Christ” is essentially to hide our own lives in Jesus so we can put on Christ’s life. This is tangibly expressed through the act of _____, which literally means _____.

A Symbol of Salvation

- ❑ Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12—Baptism is the outward expression of one’s inward commitment to _____ with Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.
- ❑ 1 Peter 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2—The apostles related the experience of baptism to two significant Old Testament events: the _____ and the _____ crossing. These are fitting parallels of baptism since they both:
 - required an outward, active expression of _____.
 - resulted in an experience of _____.
 - involved the _____ of the old in order to experience the new.

Implications

- ❑ Methods: Romans 6:4—Baptism by full _____ is the only fitting symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. (cf. Acts 8:38-39; John 3:23; Mark 1:9-10)
- ❑ Message: John 3:1-4—Following Jesus and publicly expressing that commitment in baptism is not just about superficial change of lifestyle but about radical rebirth of a new life altogether.

Is it for Me?

- ❑ Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38—Baptism is for anyone who has decided to turn the direction of their self-serving heart and to trust Jesus as their only Savior.
- ❑ Acts 19:1-5—Re-baptism is for believers who have had an incomplete experience of the gospel and have since then embraced significant new _____ from God’s Word.

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- ❑ 2 Corinthians 11:2—If our commitment to Jesus can be compared to one’s commitment in marriage, re-baptism is for those who are coming _____ to the Lord, wanting to renew the relationship they once severed.
- ❑ Luke 7:29-30—Baptism is for those who want to follow God’s _____ for their lives.

The Blessings of Baptism

- ❑ New Name: God adopts us as His _____. (Mark 1:11; Matt. 28:19-20)
- ❑ New Family: God adds us to the fellowship of His _____. (Acts 2:41-42)
- ❑ New Struggles: God gives us grace to learn how to _____. (Ps. 37:23-24)
- ❑ New Person: God gives us His Spirit to transform our _____. (Acts 2:38; Ezek. 36:26-27; Col. 1:27)
- ❑ New Power/Passion: God gives us His Spirit to be His _____. (Acts 1:8)

Tomorrow Night’s Topic:
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