

# BLAKE WHITEMAN ONE: BAPTISM OCTOBER 13th, 2024 Text 'HERE' to #

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## SERIES OVERVIEW:

• God's design and invitation to us – the church - is that we be perfectly united in mind and thought. • The Bible gives numerous examples as to what we are to be united in and how to be united.

**Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## THIS WEEK: UNITED IN ONE BAPTISM

### MEANING:

**baptizo (v)** - to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe

**baptisma (n)** - immersion, submersion

**1 Peter 3:18-22 (NIV)** - 18For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 19After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— 20to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21and **this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also**—not the removal of dirt from the body **but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God**. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

### MODELED:

#### OLD:

- Creation
- Noah
- Moses
- Israel
- Elisha
- Jonah
- John
- Jesus

## **NEW:**

**Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)** - 13Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**Acts 2:36-47 (NIV)** - 36"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." 37When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." 40With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**Simon** - Acts 8:12-16

**Philip & The Ethiopian** - Acts 8:34-39

**Saul to Paul** - Acts 9:15-19

**Philippian Jailer** - Acts 16:29-34

**Corinthian Believers** - Acts 18:4-8 (1 Corinthians 1:13-17)

**Disciples in Ephesus** - Acts 19:1-5

## **COMMISSIONED:**

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)** - 18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

• **Gospel – Belief – Repentance – Baptism – Holy Spirit – Devotion to Truth, Fellowship & Prayer**

## **COMMEMORATED:**

**Romans 6:1-4 (NIV)** - 1What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

**Colossians 2:11-15 (NIV)** - 9For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. 11In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, 12having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised

with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What stood out to you from this message on baptism? Why?
- What is the most personally challenging part of this message? Share.
- How does God's part, our part and other's part play into the topic unity in baptism?
- What is one next step you can take from this message?



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