

- We share in the inheritance that Christ had that comes from the Father
- We receive a son's inheritance from the Father who posses all things

### **Servants**

Matthew 25:21 *"Well done good and faithful servant."*

- We are servants of the King
  - Our life is an act of service for Him
  - We live to do His will; our example is Christ
- Matthew 26:3

Our Identity now completely hinges on the identity of Jesus.

## **Christian Fellowship Center Foundation Series**

*"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Ps 11:3*

### **Kingdom Living Series**

#### **UNIT: Doctrines of Christ**

## **Part 2: Water Baptism & Our Identity in Christ**

**Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.**

**-Hebrews 6:1-3**

### **1. Water Baptism**

#### **The First Water Baptism**

1 Peter 3:20-21 *"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, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God."*

- The earth was filled with so much sin; God was going to unleash his wrath
- The people were saved through the water and it washed away the sin of the earth
- Symbol for today's baptism

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 *For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the*

*cloud and that they passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.*

- They were baptized in the Red Sea
- Another representation of the “water” we are baptized into
- The Red Sea destroyed the Egyptians and brought salvation; this baptism is the sign of salvation and freedom from the sin and bondage of the enemy

### **Baptism into Christ**

Romans 6:3-4 *“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We 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.”*

- This act of water baptism is a symbol of what you are actually doing in the spiritual realm
- in the Spirit, you are dying to your former self as Christ died on the cross
- You are being buried in the water like Christ was buried
- You are being raised up from the water like Christ was raised from the dead
- Stepping up and out of the water is the new life that we have in Christ

### **Eligibility for Water Baptism**

Acts 2:38 *“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”*

- Those who repent and accept Christ for salvation

Acts 8:36-37 *“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look , here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?’ Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart you may.’”*

- Those who believe with all their heart
- Those who have a full understanding of what salvation is and what baptism represents

### **Who should be Water Baptized?**

Matthew 28:19 *“Therefore go and make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

- Everyone who has been saved in the name of Christ should be water baptized

Acts 2:38 *“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”*

- We should be proud of our salvation that we did not earn but received and that our sins are washed away
- Baptism is an act of worship in that it is an act of obedience

## **2. Identity in Christ Jesus**

### **New Creation: New Identity**

2 Corinthians 5:17 *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”*

- Something new is born
- The new creation has a heavenly origin

### **Adopted Child**

1 John 3:1 *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”*

- We are actually children of God
- He is our father and we get the favor and relationship of a son

### **Heirs**

Romans 8:18 *“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ”*