



Baptism establishes a covenant between you and Jesus. But, why should you care about that?

Our lives last for only so many years before we die a mortal death. After that, we have a life after death. The quality of your life after death depends on how you live your life now.

Many people believe that there is no life after death. That when you die, that is it. There is nothing more. If that were true, then what would be the goal for anyone in this life? The only thing that makes sense would be as selfish as possible and get as much as you can so that you would have an easier time now. There would be no “right” or “wrong”, only what you agree to be “right” for yourself.

Most people understand that there are certain things that are always “right” and certain things that are always “wrong.” Not just in our lifetime, but those “rights” and “wrongs” were the same in the

generations before us and there will be the same “rights” and “wrongs” in the generations after us. If you believe this, then you already understand there is a God – for only God can define what should be “right” and what should be “wrong” and ensure that those “rights” and “wrongs” are consistent across the generations.

Herein lies the essence of why there is a need for Baptism

- There are things that are “right,” and they will always be “right” across all generations
- There are things that are “wrong,” and they will always be “wrong” across all generations

First, you have to understand that your current perceptions of “right” and “wrong” are skewed and are not entirely correct – Why? If you believe that this life is not all about the pursuit of selfishness, you are on the right track. But, you need to understand the perfection of God’s Word about what is “right” and what is “wrong.” To have any seed of doubt that your belief in what you think are “right” and “wrong” may be incorrect and that God’s Word of “right” and “wrong” that has worked for generation after generation may be a better belief – that is the first step towards understanding the need for Baptism.

How do you know that your beliefs are skewed and not entirely correct?

- Are you truly happy with your life, even when things don’t always go your way?
- Do you have a positive outlook for what the rest of your life will be?
- Do you feel addicted to technology?
- Do you feel discomfort being around people or have trouble with relationships?
- Do you worry about your mental health?

God’s Word says that selfishness is the root of all wrongs. If you are not truly happy, or have a negative outlook for your life, or spend too much time with technology, or have discomfort around people, or have trouble with relationships, or worry about your mental health – a portion of selfishness is holding you back.

*And it is requisite with the justice of God, that men should be judged according to their works; and if their works were good in this life, **and the desires of their hearts were good**, that they should also, at the last day, be restored unto that which is good. And if their works are evil, they shall be restored unto him for evil: therefore, all things shall be restored to their proper order; everything to its natural frame; mortality raised to immortality; corruption to incorruption; raised to endless happiness, to inherit the kingdom of God, or to endless misery, to inherit the kingdom of the devil. The one on the one hand, the other on the other; the one raised to happiness, according to his desires of happiness; or good, according to his desires of good; and the other to evil, according to his desires of evil; for as he has desired to do evil all the day long, even so shall he have his reward of evil, when the night cometh. And so it is on the other hand. If he hath repented of his sins, and desired righteousness until the end of his days, even so shall he be rewarded unto righteousness. These are they that are redeemed of the Lord; yea, these are they that are taken out, that are delivered from that endless night of darkness; and thus they stand or fall; for behold, they are their own judges, whether to do good or do evil. Now the decrees of God are unalterable; therefore the way is prepared, that whosoever will, may walk therein and be saved. And now behold, my son, do not risk one more offense against your God*