

5/7/2023 - Speaker: Al Schaap

Series: Foundations

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10, et.al.

Message: “What’s Next (After Jesus Gets Us Started)?”

Two basic options once Jesus has gotten us started in lives with Him:

Option 1: _____ until we die or Jesus returns. Simply exist.

Option 2: _____ with Him – “_____”!

Once we’ve said “Yes!” to Jesus as our _____, we’re called to live an on-going “Yes!” to Jesus as our _____!

...With regard to our _____ re-build, that’s called “_____”

The process of “putting off”/“putting to death” the old...

...and “putting on”/“coming to life” as the new person in Christ.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator...

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:5-14)

He wants us to “Live Baptized” ...to _____ in our _____ – more & more – who we _____ in our _____ in Christ Jesus!

The benefits of “Living Baptized” Personally are amazing! –

- **Our whole lives show that we are thankful to God!**
- **Our whole lives start bringing praise to God!**
- **Our own hearts are assured of our faith by its fruits!**
- **Our godly living helps win our neighbors to Christ!**

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:19-20, NIV)

Jesus didn’t end His mission at the cross – He was resurrected to a new kind of life... and calls us to work with Him toward this new life!

...With regard to the _____ re-build, that’s called “_____.”

Once we’ve *said* “Yes!” to Jesus as Savior, we’re called to *live* an on-going “Yes!” to Jesus as our Lord, partnering with Him beyond ourselves to _____!

The benefits of “Living Baptized” Publicly are also amazing! –

- **We live more & more into the purpose for which God saved us!**
Cf. Ephesians 2:8-10
- **Partnering with Jesus in His world _____ our faith!**
Cf. James 2:22
- **Partnering with Jesus _____!**
Cf. James 4:17
- **Partnering with Jesus sets us up for Great _____!**
Cf. Galatians 6:7-10
- **Partnering with Jesus turns our hearts _____!**
Cf. Matthew 25

We _____ w/ God to _____ people and _____ His world
We are agents of mercy, healing, wholeness, truth, wisdom and hope!
Cf. 2 Corinthians 5

Key: just hang out; partner, “Live Baptized”; Savior; Lord; personal, “sanctification”; become, practice; already are, position; public, restoration; bring our world back to God; perfects; holds sin at bay; harvest/rewards; back to Jesus Himself; partner, reconcile, restore