

A SYMBOLIC DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Real Baptism Is Burial of the Human Will into the Will of God.

STORY OF MAN'S REDEMPTION

Water Baptism Merely a Symbol of Consecration—Not Sprinkling, Nor Pouring, but Immersing—The Old Creature Buried in Baptism—The New Creature Arises to Walk in Newness of Life—Baptized With Christ's Baptism—Importance of the Symbol—Greater Importance of the Real Baptism—Dead to Everything Except the Will of God.



May 17.—Pastor Russell, whose Photo-Drama of Creation not only presents the story of man's redemption, but also outlines the history of earth from the beginning of its existence, preached today upon the subject of Baptism. His text was, "Therefore

We are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Romans 6:4. On opening his discourse, the Pastor called attention to the fact that his text did not read, buried by baptism into water, or sprinkled with water, but "buried by baptism into death." In the context, the Apostle says not one word about water baptism. Water baptism, the Pastor declared, is merely a symbol, or picture, of the real baptism; and the Apostle Paul explains from various points of view the real baptism, without which the symbol is a mere form. Whoever receives the real baptism thereby becomes a member of the Body of Christ, a member of the New Creation. But whoever has not the real baptism is not a New Creature, not a member of the Body of Christ, though he were baptized in water a thousand times.

The Pastor next showed that the real baptism is a baptism into Christ's death. This baptism takes place at the moment when one consecrates himself fully to the Lord—making a complete surrender of his will to God, thenceforth to follow His leadings and to render obedience even unto death. As the Scriptures sometimes represent it, we give our hearts to the Lord. This burial of our wills into the will of God is reckoned to be our death as human beings. Therefore, the Apostle says, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." From the moment of consecration we are no longer reckoned as human beings, of the earth, earthy, with earthly hopes, aims and objects, but as New Creatures in Christ. This burial of our wills into the Divine will is instantly followed by our begetting to newness of life—to a new nature.

Water Baptism as a Symbol.

The Pastor next discussed the subject of water baptism. Christian people, he declared, are a unit in understanding that the New Testament teaches baptism, but there is great confusion of thought respecting its mode and significance. By the second century of our Era, he asserted, the great falling away from the faith, predicted by the apostles, had gained such headway that very superstitious views were held by the church nominal. Water baptism was supposed not only to cancel sins that were past, but also to bring its recipient certain favors from God which could not otherwise be secured. Not only did believers seek baptism for themselves, but they brought their children for baptism; and since these were too young to enter into covenant relationship with God for themselves, an arrangement was made whereby others than the parents might become sponsors for such children.

Continuing his theme, the Pastor reviewed briefly the various theories on the subject of baptism held by the different denominations. He then explained wherein these are not in harmony with the Scriptures. Neither sprinkling nor pouring could in any sense of the word be considered a picture of death and burial. He called attention to the fact that the Greek word signifying baptism—*baptizo*—has the significance of immersing, covering, plunging; and that wholly different words are used in the Greek when sprinkling, pouring or raining is meant. So fully did he cover every phase of this subject that he left no doubt that immersion is the Scriptural form of baptism.

The Pastor then discussed the doctrine of baptism as set forth in the Baptist and Disciple denominations. He showed that our Disciple friends are preaching the baptism of John the Baptist, not baptism into Christ; and that our Baptist friends, while they have the right form, as have also the Disciples, have emphasized the symbol rather than the reality—consecration unto death. This portion of the discourse was especially interesting and profitable. Apparently the Pastor sustained his point fully; for he harmonized all the Scriptures bearing

upon the subject. It is only after we see clearly the confusion involved in the various theories of Christendom that we are prepared to appreciate the simplicity of the Scriptural teaching.

The Real Baptism into Christ.

Having established the facts that water baptism is a figure, a symbolical picture, of consecration, and that immersion is the Scriptural form of baptism, the Pastor then dwelt upon the subject as presented in Romans 6. There the Apostle sets forth the deep significance of burial with Jesus. From the time that the Christian gives his heart to the Lord he is reckoned dead. Thenceforth as a New Creature in Christ he should walk in newness of life—that is to say, his daily course should be altogether different from that of the world. The Christian is under laws much higher than any human law. His is the highest standard there is—the Law of God.

The Pastor then explained in what way the Christian who is buried in baptism with Christ rises to walk in newness of life. To the consecrated Christian, "Old things have passed away"—old ambitions, old motives, the thought of making a great name, of owning the earth or of accomplishing something noteworthy of a worldly kind, etc. All these have given place to higher ambitions, new motives—the hope of having favor with God, being now His dear children, anxious to know His will and to do it. To these the first general Law is given—the Golden Rule—which is the least of all the Divine laws. "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you," is the primary Law of God for all Christians. To be a representative of the Lord every Christian must love his neighbor as himself, must deal with him as kindly and as generously as he would have that neighbor deal with him.

But the Christian must do much more than observe the Golden Rule, continued the Pastor. Had Jesus done no more than keep the Golden Rule, mankind would not have been redeemed by the precious blood of God's dear Son. He could have done just as much for others as He would ask any one to do for Him, and not have died for the fallen race of Adam. His sacrifice included much more than merely keeping the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule, the speaker declared, is the Jewish Law, which Israel could not keep because of their fallen condition.

It was then explained how it is that the Christian can keep the Law which the Jew failed to observe. St. Paul declares that while the Church of Christ is no more perfect in the flesh than is the Jew, yet God is dealing differently with the Church. He is scrutinizing their hearts and judging them according to their intentions. If He sees that in the heart the Christian is striving to love his neighbor as himself and to do unto others as he would be done by, He is pleased; and He has made arrangements whereby those who are thus striving may remain in His family despite their failures and shortcomings. These they may confess, and they may ask forgiveness for Jesus' sake and be forgiven.

How the Christian Fulfills the Law.

The Pastor then showed that God has made a provision for the Church which He did not make for the Jews. Israel was under a typical Law, with a typical mediator, who could not offer real atonement for their weaknesses and have them judged according to the mind. But, through Jesus Christ, the Father has made this very arrangement for the Church; and they are judged according to their intentions, according to their will. Therefore, when they are living up to the Golden Rule to the best of their ability, the righteousness of the Law is reckoned as fulfilled in them. As the Apostle says, "The righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Even though we can never fully catch up with the spirit of that Law after which we are walking, yet "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The Christian, however, has in his vow of consecration agreed to do more than merely keep the Golden Rule. He has covenanted to give up all of his earthly interests, to do the will of God and to drink the cup which He pours for those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Whatever the consecrated Christian sees to be the will of God respecting him he is to do—he is to drink that "cup," doing so with as much pleasure as possible, delighting to do the Father's will, even though the cup be bitter.

The Pastor emphasized this point by reference to the experiences of the Master. Shortly before His death, James and John had requested that they might be privileged to sit, one on His right hand and the other on His left, in His Messianic Kingdom. It was not selfishness that prompted the request, but deep love and appreciation of their Lord. James and John were so earnest, so zealous, that the Lord especially loved them. In reply to their request, Jesus asked, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" This is the condition of discipleship. You cannot be in the Throne unless you drink the cup.

Baptized With Christ's Baptism.

The Pastor then demonstrated conclusively that the baptism to which our Lord referred in His reply to the request made by James and John was not water baptism. He quoted another saying of Jesus on the same subject—"I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened until it be accomplished?" That baptism was accomplished when on the cross He cried, "It is finished!" This, the speaker declared, is the baptism which

every true follower of the Master must undergo—immersion of one's own will into that of the Heavenly Father. The water baptism is a symbol of that baptism, but the real baptism of Christ was His immersion into death—fully, completely, giving up His life to do the Father's will.

Whoever would be with the Master in His Throne must be so fully consecrated to do the Divine will, so ready to drink our Lord's cup, that he will accept whatever the Father may permit to come to him. He is not to pour his own cup, and say that he will do thus and so; nor is he to bury himself. This is beautifully pictured in the water baptism. There the candidate gives himself into the hands of the administrator, and submits his will to that of the other. Symbolically he says, "Lord, into Thy hands I commit myself. Take me, bury me—in whatever way Thou dost think best."

Figuratively, the Lord lays hold on one thus consecrated and lets him down into death; and it is of His power that this one will be raised up to the perfect life beyond the veil—to glory, honor and immortality, sharing His resurrection, the First Resurrection. But only those who are buried in the likeness of His death will be raised in His likeness. Thus this picture of baptism corresponds exactly to the Scripture which reads, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God—your reasonable service."

The Pastor went on to explain that this is something more than merely the Golden Rule, which calls only for justice, not sacrifice. Those who drink of the cup of Christ must ignore self and its preferences. They must submit to injustice for the sake of Christ; they must sacrifice also. If they suffer with Him they shall also reign with Him; and the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in the Lord's saluts.

The Importance of the Symbol.

Pastor Russell considers the symbolic baptism of great importance. He acknowledged that great confusion exists among Christian people on this subject, but holds that the real baptism of the human will into the Divine will is the all-important matter. But whoever knows about the true symbol and then refuses to be immersed, thereby proves that he is not fully dead to his own will. Those who have never perceived that immersion in water is the only true symbol are not under obligation, however. Thus it has been with many true Christian people who have had the real immersion into Christ. But when these come to see the matter as the Scriptures present it, they are responsible according to their knowledge.

Contrary to his custom, the Pastor here digressed and related his personal experience in regard to baptism. Born of Christian parents, he had been sprinkled in infancy. But when, years afterward, he came to see the subject in the light of the Scriptures, he had a severe fight with himself before he became obedient to the Word. Excuse after excuse presented itself to his mind—people would think him a turncoat, etc. Finally the matter so troubled him that he settled it once for all in favor of what he saw was right—the plain teaching of the Scriptures.

The point the speaker made was that if he had refused to be obedient in this respect, it would have meant the stopping of his progress in the way of the Lord. He needed to take that very step to prove that his heart was right. If he had not done so, his refusal would have proven that his will as a human being was not wholly dead. When he saw this point clearly, he gave all over to the Headship of the Lord.

The Pastor believes that many of the Lord's people are stumbling in just the same way. He did not wish to be understood as meaning that water baptism is the all-important thing; for he pointed out that saintly people who have not been immersed will be in the Kingdom, because they did the best they knew and rendered prompt obedience to all that God showed them. But as soon as any consecrated child of God is shown something more than he has hitherto seen, the responsibility of that greater knowledge rests upon him; and there is no escape from it. A failure then to obey as to the symbol would mean a withdrawal of the sacrifice from the altar.

Dead With Christ.

The Pastor declared that all who make full consecration of themselves to the Lord to be dead with Him, to be joint-sacrificers with Him in the service of the Truth, are to reckon themselves as separate and distinct from the world around them. They covenant to die to earthly things, and may thereafter use those only as servants of the New Creation. As New Creatures in Christ they become alive through the Redeemer to Heavenly hopes and prospects, aims and ambitions. In harmony with this thought, their lives should be new—separate and distinct from those around them.

Baptism into death, he maintained, is the real baptism for the Church, even as it was for our Lord and Head. Water baptism, he repeated, is only the symbol, or picture. Those called and accepted of God, who are willing to drink of the Redeemer's cup and to be baptized with His baptism, will indeed be granted the privilege, and will be assisted in carrying out their heart's desire in this matter. Those who shall be immersed into death shall also have a share in the First Resurrection and in the glories of the coming Kingdom, for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, even as it is done in Heaven."

IOWA GUESSERS ARE ALL AT SEA

Primary Campaign Develops Unusual Features.

DEMOCRATS IN REAL SCRAMBLE

Contest for Nomination for United States Senator Waxen Warm—Fight Against Governor Clarke—Seven Candidates for Supreme Judge.

Des Moines, May 18.—By long odds the most peculiar primary campaign in Iowa history is now in progress. The oldest guessers are all at sea. Nobody knows just what is going to happen as to some things.

At present the senatorial situation has taken the center of the political stage, and, strangely enough, the Democratic candidates are arousing the most interest. There is a lively fight for senatorial nomination between Congressman Connelly and Publisher E. T. Meredith.

While Senator Cummins made an announcement last week of his candidacy for the Republican nomination and A. C. Savage has been at work for some time, there is really very little interest in the Republican campaign. The fight in the Republican party is over the nomination for governor. One of the new features of the situation this year is the strange situation on the judgeship. There are seven candidates for supreme judge and six to nominate in the non-partisan primary. The only question is as to how large a vote each one can get so as to get a good start for the fall election.

Attorney General Cosson declared that the state will fight to the last ditch in defense of the law permitting the county attorney to file information in lieu of an indictment by a grand jury, which is attacked by the attorneys for Earl Jones, Corning musician, who is seeking a writ of habeas corpus in the supreme court. He is serving a five-year term for alleged kidnaping of Grace Runyon.

An investigation will be made of the alleged irregularities complained of by Jones' attorneys. If Jones was not given a fair trial the state probably will not resist to any great extent an effort to secure a new trial for the musician, it is said. However, if the unconstitutionality of the law under which Jones was indicted is seriously pushed, the state will use every effort to preserve it.

Phone Men Lose High Court Case.

Telephone interests were defeated in their third attempt to establish the right in Iowa to erect telephone lines through towns and villages without obtaining franchises, when the supreme court handed down an opinion in the case of the East Boyer Telephone company against the incorporated town of Vail. This was the third time the case had been before the supreme court. It grew out of the refusal of the people of Vail to vote a franchise to the telephone company in January 1910. The company proceeded to begin the construction of a telephone line through the town, without permission. The city took active steps to prevent poles from being erected.

Convention of Iowa Women.

The state convention of the P. E. O. an organization of women which originated in Iowa, is to be held here this week, commencing tomorrow. There will be probably 500 delegates, representing the various chapters of the order in this state. The convention will last until Friday noon and the program is filled with reports and discussions on the activities of women in various lines and efforts.

WOMAN IS FATALLY HURT

Horse Ran Away and Wrecked Buggy Near Sidney.

Sidney, Ia., May 18.—When a gang of bridge men returned after the dinner hour to a bridge on which they were working, they found Mrs. William Ballinger, an aged lady, and her horse and buggy at the bottom of a ten-foot ditch. The horse had become frightened and backed off in the ditch, crushing Mrs. Ballinger underneath. Her arm and several ribs were broken and her head crushed. Her recovery is considered hopeless.

Clarke Will Open Clinton Exhibit.

Clinton, Ia., May 18.—Governor Clarke assured the Commercial club here that he would be in Clinton May 22 to participate in the ceremonies incident to the opening of the Coliseum, the \$100,000 armory built to house battery A, the newly organized field artillery of Iowa.

Pioneer Editor Dies.

West Union, Ia., May 18.—O. C. Cole, aged seventy-five, of Fayette is dead. He was the oldest survivor of the early day newspaper men of northeast Iowa, but sold his paper, the *Fayette Post* Card, several years ago. He is survived by a widow, a daughter and a son.

MacBride Will Talk for State Teachers

Iowa City, May 18.—President Thomas H. MacBride of the University of Iowa will deliver the commencement address of the State Teachers college at Cedar Falls, June 9.

Wins Iowa High Championship.

Iowa City, May 18.—Independence won the Iowa state high school debating league championship, defeating Le Mars 3 to 0.

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Peter Thielen's baby is ill with bronchitis.

Dr. and Mrs. Koob were callers in Exira last Thursday.

S. P. Bertlesen of Omaha was in Brayton last week on business.

R. Miller and family left last Friday for their new home at Wiota.

Alva Jensen left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Cordova, Neb.

D. M. Clark from Northern Minn., was visiting his brother, R. P. Clark last week.

L. E. Simpson and Fred Smith of Audubon were business callers in Brayton Monday.

Herb Thielen shipped one car of fa. cattle to Chicago Saturday and one to Omaha.

Misses Arlene Bartlett and Gladys Chamberlan were shopping in Atlantic Saturday.

B. F. Simpson moved last week from the farm east of town to his new home in Atlantic.

W. J. Carey of Anita was in Brayton Friday after his car which he left there for repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown returned Saturday from a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller at Wiota.

Ruth Freeman spent Saturday in Exira with her grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lewis.

Marion Thompson of Omaha was an over Sunday visitor with his parents C. G. Thompson and wife.

Frank Johnson of Adair visited over Sunday in Brayton with his parents, John Johnson and wife.

Mrs. F. L. Freeman and daughter Marie spent last Wednesday night

at the Lewis Heath home in Atlantic Brayton is improving. The property owners on the south side of the street are having a gutter put in this week.

The ball game played here Sunday was a good one and resulted in a victory for Griswold with a score of 2 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Acker and two sons and Mrs. Ed Bergh came up from Atlantic Sunday and spent the day at the Bartlett home.

Ralph Juhl and Alma Leigan autoed to Wiota Sunday and spent the day with the latter's sister, Mrs. Ralph Goodwin.

Mrs. Nels Christensen living N. W. of town had a stroke of paralysis, Saturday evening and her condition is very serious at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jensen of Gates and the latter's sister, Frances Petersen of Fremont Neb. were visiting friends in Brayton Sunday.

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INTERESTING BALL GAME SUNDAY

The Exira Ball Team will play the Atlantic Club at the Athletic Park in Exira Sunday next. Come out and see a real game.