

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 11/04/2021

Text(s): Luke 24:1–8

Sermon Title: Doctrine of Baptisms (Part 1 – Water)

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Hebrews 6:1–2 (NKJV)

1 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,

2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Previously we learned that there is more than one type of repentance, that repentance from dead works is repentance from seeking to earn salvation through good works, through penance or through self-effort. It is different from repentance from sins. This time we learn that there is more than one form of baptism. The first is water baptism. The second is baptism of the Holy Spirit. Does the Bible really talk about the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Where do we first read of it?**
- 2. Did it surprise you that there are two more forms of baptisms, namely baptism of fire and baptism of suffering? What do we do if we don't understand what these two baptisms are all about?**
- 3. If you received water baptism quite a while back, do you remember what you learned about water baptism then? If water baptism was a significant event for you, why is this so?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **A big question often asked is, "Is baptism necessary for salvation?" What might be the reason for this question? Why do we practice water baptism in the first place?**

2. **Death – Burial – Resurrection. This is the significance of water baptism. Do you fully accept the fact that for those who believe in Jesus, you have already died with Christ, buried with him, and resurrected with him? How would you live your life differently regardless of the degree of your understanding of this doctrine?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to be determined to live consistently in Christ, depending on God's grace to overcome all personal challenges.

- *Pray for our church to be a victorious people who understand what the death and resurrection of Christ has done for us, making us one body in Christ.*

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.