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ACTS 17:11

Hebrews 9:13-28
Lesson #21
Jesus' Baptism
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The majesty of Christ

HEBREWS

9:13-28
Jesus' baptism

(How do we share Jesus' baptism?)

2

Jesus challenged disciples to look ahead.

Mark 10

“**35** And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to him, saying to him, “**Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.**” **36** And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” **37** And they said to him, “**Grant that we may sit, one on your right and one on your left, in your glory.**” **38** But Jesus said to them, . . . “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” **39** And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them,

“The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.”

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Mark 10

“**41** And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. **42** And calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles **lord it over** them; and their great men **exercise authority over** them. **43** But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be **your servant**; **44** and whoever wishes to be first among **you shall be slave of all.**


45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

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“What we have in modern American politics is not disagreement. Disagreement is dignified by sharing a common world view and mutual good faith in dialogue.



What we have is a food fight for power with no holds bared.”

Richard John Neuhaus

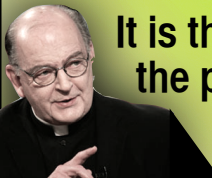


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“Idolatry is trying to bring in God’s Kingdom before its time and without its King.”

It is the game plan of both the political and religious right and left.”



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The apostles challenge disciples to look back.

Hebrews 12

“1 Therefore, . . . let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Jesus Christ sets the example as he

“endured the cross”.

Hebrews 9

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“the baptism with which I am baptized”

Hebrews 9 (interpretive paraphrase)

“13 If the blood and ashes of animals sanctifies the outer person under the Old Covenant, 14 how much more will the **blood** of Christ, that is perfectly holy and offered through the eternal Spirit, cleanse the inner person from worthless rituals that are only symbols. This prepares us to serve the living God. 15 As mediator of a New Covenant, Jesus has redeemed all those who have been called to **receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**”

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Hebrews 9 (interpretive paraphrase)

“16 A will (contract) is linked to a **death**. 17 It is activated only after a person **dies**. 18 The Old Covenant was not inaugurated without **blood**. 19 When Moses gave us the Law, he took the **blood** of animals, and sprinkled both the tablets and all the people 20 saying, “*This is the **blood** of the covenant which God commanded you.*” 21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the **blood**. 22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with **blood**, and without shedding of **blood** there is no forgiveness.”

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Hebrews 9 (interpretive paraphrase)

“23 The Old Covenant sacrifices were necessary until the perfect **sacrifice** came. 24 For Christ entered into heaven itself, to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 **offering His blood**, 26 at the consummation of the ages. His mission was to put away sin by the **sacrifice of Himself** once for all. 27 It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for **salvation** without a need to redeem from sin, to those who eagerly await Him.”

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Christianity is the only religion that celebrates the death of its founder.



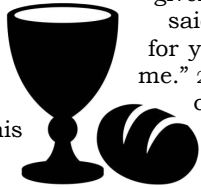
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Peter was crucified head down.
Andrew was bound to death.
James, son of Zebedee, was beheaded. (Acts 12:1-9).
John was banished (Rev. 1- 9) & boiled alive?
Phillip was crucified.
Bartholomew was beaten, crucified, & beheaded.
Thomas was run through by a lance.
Matthew was slain by the sword.
James, son of Alphaeus, was beaten to death.
Thaddeus was shot to death by arrows.
Simon was crucified.
Judas Iscariot hung himself (Matt.27:3-10).
Matthias was martyred.
Paul was executed.

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1 Corinthians 11

“23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”



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A point to ponder

**Take your baptism seriously -
(not only) the PRIZE,
(but also) the PRICE,
which is not only what you give
but what you give up.**

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Philippians 2

“5 **Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus**, 6 who, although **he existed** in the form of God, **did not regard** equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by **becoming obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross.”

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We will bear a cross (suffering) as we accept delayed gratification in this life awaiting glory in the life to come.

Romans 8

“18 For I consider that the **sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory that is to be revealed to us**. 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

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Romans 8

“22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, **even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body. 24 For **in hope we have been saved**, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, **with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.**”

Revelation 21:1

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away,”

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Suggestions

- Limit your responsibilities** to things that you can and should control.
- Keep expectations realistic.** This world is as close to hell as any believer will get.
- View ALL Circumstances** as opportunities to develop or demonstrate faith and character.
- Treat Fears & Frustrations** as calls for wisdom, faith, and patience.

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