

Will the Baptists and Methodists Get Together in Heaven?

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INTRO: The denominational differences confuse many people. Each denomination claims to be right. Some claim to be the only true church.

ILLUS: The Church of God, the True Church of God and the Only True Church of God.

Folks realize that God will have to straighten it all out in Heaven, but wonder how He will do it.

Take the Baptists and the Methodists for example. How will God get them together in heaven- Will the Methodists camp on one side of the River of life and the Baptists on the other? Will God sprinkle all the Baptists and make Methodists out of them? Or will he immerse all the Methodists and make Baptists out of them?

ILLUS: Of the Baptist who asked why there was a river in Heaven if God wasn't planning to immerse all his Methodist friends. We will deal with this brother a little later.

- I. THE FIRST PART OF THE ANSWER IS THAT THERE WILL BE NEITHER BAPTISTS NOR METHODISTS IN HEAVEN.
 - a. Heaven will be the scene of a great change.
 - i. We all shall be changed – I Cor 15:52 We shall be like Him – I Jn 3:2
 - ii. No one is going to get to heaven on the strength of being a Baptist or a Methodist.
 1. Gal 6:15 – In Christ, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision availeth any thing but a new creature.
 2. John 3: Except a man be born again- he cannot see the kingdom of God.
 3. Col 3:11 and Gal 3:28 – No denominational or racial distinctions in heaven.
 - iii. It is a good thing for Christians to belong to a church
ILLUS: Of French soldiers in retreat from Moscow- those on the outside of the circle froze to death.
- II. WHILE THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CONSUMATED IN HEAVEN, NOTHING IS SAID ABOUT BAPTISM BEING PERPETUATED
 - a. The Lord has promised to not eat of the fruit of the vine until He drinks it new in the Kingdom.
 - b. Nothing is said about baptism in heaven our Baptist brother & his thoughts on the River in Heaven notwithstanding

- c. While Baptism is not to be equated with circumcision, a lesson can be learned from the passing of circumcision with the change of the age.
- d. Baptism is now commanded & is associated with church membership- but it seems that both will disappear with the new age.
- e. Again, this does not lessen the importance of either Baptism or membership

ILLUS: Gen'l Jackson & church

CONC: Let us have everything in its place. Baptism and church membership are very important- but they will not take you to heaven.

ILLUS: Madagascar's prisoners were freed during the day to earn their own living- had to go back to jail overnight. One exception- when the Sovereign came- they were kept in jail- One look at the Queen's face- one salutation of the sovereign & they must be freed. They thought that no one who saluted the sovereign must be considered a prisoner.

One contact with Jesus Christ and you will never be the same.

The Devil tries to keep you shut away from Christ- because once you call on Him you will be a free man or a free woman.

The Bible says "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

If you would gain heaven- if you would have forgiveness- there is something you must do. God has done all the rest. But you must call upon the Savior- must receive Him.

The hymn says, "You must open the door. When Jesus comes in, He will save you from sin, but you must open the door."

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