



February 12, 2017 – “Right Out of the Gate” – Pastor Ken Harrell

The Bookends of Jesus’ Ministry

1. Jesus began his ministry by _____.
2. Jesus concluded his ministry by commanding the church to make disciples and _____.

Two extremes

1. Baptism is _____ to get to Heaven so it’s a _____.
2. Baptism is _____ to get to Heaven so it’s _____ a big deal.

Note: The truth lies exactly in the _____. (both groups are half right)

Baptism is unnecessary to get to Heaven, but it’s a big deal!

1. What does baptism _____? Mark 1:9–11

Note: The word “baptized” literally means “to _____.”

Note: Baptism is an outward _____ of an inward _____.

2. Who is _____ to be baptized?

In the New Testament...

- A. _____ baptism was practiced exclusively.
- B. Baptism was their _____.

Note: Belief and baptism always go together and they are always _____ . Acts 2:41; 8:12; 8:36–38; 10:44, 47–48; 16:30–33

A clear pattern emerges

1. The _____ was presented.
2. People _____.
3. Then they were _____.

The Bible is crystal clear. You don’t have to be baptized in order to be saved. Water doesn’t save anyone, whether it’s a spoonful or a baptistry full. The only liquid in the Bible that saves is the blood of Jesus Christ

3. Why is baptism so _____?
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____

Note: Baptism pictures not only what Jesus has done _____ us, but what Jesus has done _____ us.

Where do you stand?

1. You have to be saved in order to _____.
2. You have to be baptized in order to _____.