

LIGHT AND DARKNESS II

PURPOSE:

- To understand God's plan of salvation

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

- Tearing the wall of sin down requires the grace of God
- Our good works do not bring us into the light

JOHN 3:1-7

- Everyone must be born again—even Nicodemus!
- Question: What does being “born again” mean?
- The “God of the Second Chance”

ACTS 2:22-24

- Jesus proved to be the Son of God through His miracles
- All His actions were a part of God's plan for your salvation
- All of us are responsible for the death of Christ

ACTS 2:36-39

- Question: What does it mean to be “cut to the heart”?
- Repentance—a complete change of the mind and heart, a 180-degree turn
- Baptism

Sins are forgiven (Acts 22:14-16)

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is received (Ephesians 1:13)

ROMANS 6:1-4

- Buried with Christ at baptism
- Raised to a new life—i.e. “born again”
- A participation in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus

Jesus

Died

Buried

Resurrected

Mankind

Dead—because of our sin

Burial—buried (immersed) in baptism where the wall of sin is torn down

Resurrected—through our faith in the blood of Jesus, we are born again (Col. 2:11-12)

- Question: When do you want to get baptized? (1Peter 3:18-22)

Other scriptures on Baptism, if needed

Colossians 2: 11-12, 1 Peter 3:18-20, Acts 22:14-16