

The Day after Baptism

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Introduction:

- A. Acts 2:36-41 - That is what they did on the day they believed and obeyed the Gospel. 3000 people and the apostles, as well as the hosts of heaven were rejoicing that day.
 - 1. Acts 2:42-47 - But, what did they do the day after their baptism?
- B. Great blessings come to those who respond to the gospel of Christ.
 - 1. Remission of sins - Acts 2:38
 - 2. The washing of regeneration and heirs of eternal life - Titus 3:5, 7
 - 3. By God's grace they are saved from their past sins - Mark 16:16
- C. Yet in another very real sense, they still need to be saved
 - 1. They must make their call and election sure - 2Peter 1:10
 - 2. They must be careful to save themselves - 1Tim. 4:16
 - 3. They must remain faithful to receive the crown of life - Rev. 2:10
- D. So what must one do the day after baptism to be saved?
 - 1. There are things to remember and things to do.

I. REMEMBER THIS

- A. You are a new creature - 2Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:3-4
- B. You are a newborn in Christ - 1Cor. 3:1-2; Heb. 5:12-14
- C. You are in a critical period - Eph. 4:14; 1Peter 5:8
- D. You face the possibility of falling - Heb. 3:12-14; 1Cor. 10:12-13; 1John 2:1-2
- E. You must be a good example - 1Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7; Phil. 3:17

II. DO THIS

- A. Put God first - Matt. 22:37, 6:33
 - 1. This will help you do all that is necessary to remain faithful
- B. Study the word of God - 1Peter 2:2; Acts 17:11; James 1:21
- C. Be fervent in prayer - Heb. 4:14-16; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 4:2
- D. Be diligent in assembling - Heb. 10:22-25; Acts 2:42, 20:7; 1Cor. 11:23-26
 - 1. Neglecting the assemblies is a symptom of spiritual stagnation
- E. Help save others.
 - 1. The Lord wants His disciples to make more disciples - Matt. 28:19-20
 - 2. Those diligent in saving others are more likely to save themselves - 1Cor. 9:19-23
 - 3. Lose your enthusiasm for saving souls, and you may lose your own.

Conclusion:

- A. While this is not an exhaustive list, it is the beginning of a comprehensive list.
 - 1. Remembering and doing the things in this lesson will naturally lead to remembering and doing the whole counsel of God.
- B. This not just for new Christians; every Christian must remember and do these things, or they will not be saved.
 - 1. Rev. 2:4-5