

# EAST CAMBRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

*"A first century church in the 21st century"*

## Bible Reading Plan

### Week 5

- Exodus 1-3; *Galatians 5*
- Exodus 4-6; Gal 6
- Exodus 7-9; Ps 105; Eph 1
- Exodus 10-12; Eph 2
- Exodus 13-15; Eph 3

## Leading Services

Announcements: Ron V.

### *Morning:*

Song Leader: Zack V.

Opening Prayer: Roger H.

Lord's Table: Mike V.

Asst By:

Closing Prayer: Ben V.

### *Evening: No Services*

Song Leader:

Opening Prayer:

Closing Prayer:

Scripture Reading:  
(Zephaniah 3.8-13)

## Sermons:

AM:

PM:



## Baptism vs Baptism

When we read the book of Mark, it begins by introducing us to John the Immerser, or John the Baptist. This man who prepared the way for Christ (1:3). Among other things, we read about John baptizing people in the wilderness and specifically baptizing folks in the Jordan river (1:4-5). This was not the only place he baptized folks, but this was one area, and this is where he baptized Jesus (1:9-10).

Later, when we read about John's baptism, we read where folks were told basically that John's baptism was not valid, and they needed to be baptized in the name of Christ (Acts 19:5). Why the difference? If John's baptism was valid in Mark 1, John 3, and other places, why is it treated as invalid in Acts 19? What difference is there between John's baptism and Christ's?

While at first glance, there seems to be little to no difference. Both baptisms are immersion. Both baptisms are for those who are seeking "remission of sins."

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## The Baptism of John vs The Baptism Of Christ

What difference is there between these acts? Notice, I said at first glance there seems to be no difference. When we study, we see several differences between these acts.

### **In John's baptism, we see:**

- John told men to confess their sins (Matt. 3:6)
- John told them to believe in "the One to come" (Acts 19:4)
- This baptism added none to the church (No church existed then!)
- There is no connection with Christ's blood
- John's baptism is described as "a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Mk. 1:4)

### **In contrast, Christ's baptism:**

- Was "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38) - not an act looking forward to something that had not yet come
- Puts one "in Christ" (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3)
- Adds us to his church (Acts 2:47; I Cor. 12:13)
- Is connected with the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:3-6; Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38)
- Saves us (I Pet. 3:21; Col. 2:12-13)

John's baptism served its purpose, but its purpose has ended. Now, we are to be baptized in Christ's baptism -- that baptism which allows us to experience the cleansing effect of His blood, adds us to His church, washes us from sin, and enables us to be called "Christian."

Have you been baptized? If not, what is stopping you? Contact me, and let's make sure you are right in the sight of God.

*- Jarrod Jacobs*