

When Rebaptism Is Appropriate, May 22

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16.{FLB 148.1}

There are many at the present day who have unwittingly violated one of the precepts of God's law. When the understanding is enlightened, and the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the conscience, they see themselves sinners in the sight of God. "Sin is the transgression of the law" and he that shall "offend in one point, he is guilty of all." 1 John 3:4; James 2:10.{FLB 148.2}

**The honest seeker after truth will not plead ignorance of the law as an excuse for transgression.** Light was within his reach. God's Word is plain, and Christ has bidden him search the Scriptures. He reveres God's law as holy, just, and good, and he repents of his transgression. **By faith he pleads the atoning blood of Christ, and grasps the promise of pardon. His former baptism does not satisfy him now. He has seen himself a sinner, condemned by the law of God. He has experienced anew a death to sin, and he desires again to be buried with Christ by baptism, that he may rise to walk in newness of life**{FLB 148.3}

**This is a subject which each individual must conscientiously take his position upon in the fear of God....**

**The duty of urging belongs to no one but God;** give God a chance to work with His Holy Spirit upon the minds, so that the individual will be perfectly convinced and satisfied in regard to this advanced step....{FLB 148.4}

It [rebaptism] is a matter to be treated as a great privilege and blessing, and all who are rebaptized, if they have the right ideas upon this subject, will thus consider it.{FLB 148.5}

"Whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ." This is the manner in which we may glory. And as transformation of character takes place, through repentance and confession and reconversion and rebaptism, you will glory through Jesus Christ, "in those things which pertain to God," —not in the things that pertain to your own personal selfish interests....{7MR 268.3}

The Lord calls for a DECIDED REFORMATION. And when a soul is TRULY RECONVERTED, LET HIM BE REBAPTIZED. **LET HIM RENEW HIS COVENANT WITH GOD, AND GOD WILL RENEW HIS COVENANT WITH HIM....** Reconversion MUST TAKE PLACE AMONG the members, that as God's witnesses they may TESTIFY to the authoritative POWER of the truth that sanctifies the soul. Ev 375