

**Adult Sunday School Lesson**  
**Nassau Bay Baptist Church**  
**April 5, 2020**

As you watch and listen to the video, please feel free to pause the video for any reason, including to discuss something with others, to take time to look up a verse or passage, or to take a break. Remember, you also are able to go back and to repeat any part. I chose not to reference this study guide in the video, but rather to teach through. You can follow along with the guide or come back to it after you complete the video lesson.

In this lesson, we will discuss baptism and its meaning in God's plan and in our lives. This lesson is not intended to be exhaustive, but to engender and to encourage your thinking on baptism in ways that are biblical. I also hope that you will ask the Holy Spirit to apply what you learn to your own heart and life. As Christians, we look to the Holy Spirit to be our teacher and to lead us into truth and unto The Truth.

**Read Romans 5:20-21.**

In the presence of detailed law, \_\_\_\_\_ abounds as it is revealed to us in our lives.

But where sin abounds, \_\_\_\_\_ abounds much more.

Sin reigned in \_\_\_\_\_, but grace reigns to \_\_\_\_\_.

But let's see that grace reigns \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness to eternal life.

And this eternal life comes through \_\_\_\_\_.

So let's summarize.

1. Law reveals the \_\_\_\_\_, and that sin then \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When \_\_\_\_\_ abounds, \_\_\_\_\_ abounds much (*hyper*) more.
3. Sin reigns in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Grace reigns through \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
through Jesus Christ our \_\_\_\_\_.

We see the importance of righteousness here. Grace does not abound and reign apart for righteousness but, rather, *through* righteousness to eternal life. That righteousness is the *Righteousness of God* who is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Read Romans 6:1-2.**

If grace abounds where sin abounds, should we sin more, so that we can experience more grace?

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We cannot because, as Christians, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to sin. This *does not* mean that we never sin any individual sin again. This *does* mean that we have turned our back on sin, desire deeply not to sin, and have been indwelt by the Holy Spirit who hates sin and leads us away from sin through guidance and conviction.

**Read Romans 6:3-4.**

Discuss this drawing and its meaning and place both in God's plan of grace and in our daily lives.

### **So why was Jesus baptized and why are we baptized?**

While we can answer these questions in more than one way, we see something important when we focus on Jesus' baptism. Let's remember:

*In no way did Jesus' baptism reflect or symbolize a need to treat His own sins. He had no sins to have cleansed or forgiven. He had no need to be made righteous. He had no need to die for Himself.*

#### So why was Jesus baptized?

Based on the video lesson and your own thinking through the Scriptures, write your answer here.

#### **Beyond the Video—Read John 3:13-17.**

After Jesus submitted to baptism, God the Father said, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why would the Father announce that at that moment? Had he not been pleased with Jesus before? Why at Jesus' baptism did He say that? What about Jesus' willingness to be baptized would cause Him special pleasure?

Write your thought here: