

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

10-19-14 Ken Carlton

Title: RITE OF NATURALIZATION

Main Text: Mat 28:16-20, (Col 2:9-15) Mat 16:13-17:9

Sermon Description: Matthew's gospel closes with the command and commission to go make disciples of all nations, to baptize, and to teach them. Christ grounds this injunction with contextual weight by proclaiming His own authority (28:18). Thus we are to fulfill our missionary call as believers fully cognizant of and confidently grounded on the crown rights of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. In light of these concluding words in Matthew, it is clear that we are to understand baptism as a 'rite of naturalization' for the Kingdom of Heaven/God. In 1828, Webster defined 'naturalize': "to confer on an alien the rights and privileges of a native subject or citizen; to adopt foreigners into a nation or state, & place them in the condition of natural born subjects." And so we are initiated visibly and representatively into the Kingdom of God by the authority of Christ in the rite of baptism.

HEADING: THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST FOUNDATIONAL TO BAPTISM...

1. Mat 16:17 – REVELATORY AUTHORITY

2. Mat 16:17-18 – CHRISTENING AUTHORITY

3. Mat 16:19 – COMMISSIONING AUTHORITY

4. Mat 16:21 – PREDESTINING AUTHORITY

5. Mat 16:21, 17:23 – ATONING AUTHORITY

6. MAT 16:21, 17:23 – SUPERNATURAL AUTHORITY

7. Mat 16:27 – JUDICIAL AUTHORITY

8. Mat 17:5-6 – DIVINE AUTHORITY

Close: "As preaching makes the Word audible, so the sacraments make it visible and God stirs up faith by both means." - J.I. Packer

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Revelation	Theme: Christening	Theme: Predestination	Theme: Atonement	Theme: Judge	Theme: Divine
Verses: Mat 16:17	Verses: Mat 16: 17-18	Verses: Mat 16:21, Acts 4:27-28	Verses: Mat 16:21, 17:22-23	Verses: Mat 16:27	Verses: Mat 17:5-6