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SERIES: *RENEW*

SERMON: Renew Your Ministry

Acts 9:32-43

[32] As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda.

[33] There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years.

[34] "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.

[35] All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

[36] In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

[37] About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

[38] Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

[39] Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

[40] Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

[41] He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.

[42] This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

[43] Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

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1 You were born to know Christ and follow Him.

2 You were born to serve Christ.

- Serve with:
 - The attitude of a servant
 - An attitude of humility
 - An attitude of "This is what I get to do"
 - An attitude of "to the least of these"
 - An attitude of "This is what I can do for Christ"
 - An attitude of "meanwhile"

3 You were born to do all you do in the Name of Christ.

- ***Colossians 3:23-24*** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

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Jesus told us to go into all the world making disciples and baptizing and teaching those disciples.

In the days ahead I hope to talk with you about making disciples and teaching them about the commands of Christ.

Today, I want to talk with you about baptism.

Baptism is not to make us Christians but to show that we have followed after Christ. The word “baptize” is a Greek word that means “to dip.”

This is what we say about baptism . . .

Baptism occurs following an individual’s commitment to Christ. Baptism is a person’s way of:

- b. being obedient to God.
- c. It is a public (outward) demonstration
- d. of a personal (inward) commitment that has already been made to Christ.

This Sunday, September 6th, we have our outdoor RIVER baptism at the Bogue Falaya Park in downtown Covington. It is a very special time as we witness the baptism of about 30 new believers. We hope you will join us as we meet together to celebrate their new life in Christ.

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