

Preaching Dates

29th April 2018

David Craig at (am) Irvine Baptist Church
Ian Stephen (am) at
 Westwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride
Phill March (am) at
 Shettleston Baptist Church
Brian Crockett (am) at Dimitie Street
 Evangelical Church, Johnstone
Alan Milnes (am) at Leslie Baptist Church
Arthur Jones (am) at
 South Beach Baptist Church, Saltcoats
George Sprott (am) at
 Hawick Baptist Church
Florence MacKenzie (am) at
 Aberdeen Christian Fellowship
Florence MacKenzie (pm) at
 Portlethen Christian Fellowship
Paul Cairns (pm) at
 Islay Baptist Church, Bowmore
Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at
 Fishermen's Mission Nightcap Service,
 St Columba's Church, Lerwick
Jonathan Groves (pm) at
 Banchory Christian Fellowship Church.
David Rathel (pm) at
 Saint Andrews Baptist Church, St Andrews.
Charles Sommerville (am + pm) at
 Shettleston Baptist Church

5 May 2018

Charles Sommerville (pm) at PWMI,
 Barnards Court Mission, Greenock



"It's Who We Are"

By Jim McNulty

The Baptist Union of Scotland issued a booklet a few weeks ago which was a commentary on the Declaration of Principle of the Baptist Union of Scotland was adopted in 1908.

It states:

1. *That the Lord Jesus Christ our God and Saviour is the sole and absolute Authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each Church has liberty, under the guidance of the HS, to interpret and administer His laws.*
2. *That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried and rose again the third day.*
3. *That it is the duty of every disciple to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in evangelisation of the world.*

Here are a few thoughts on it.

Jesus came from His Father in heaven to be human like us, to love us and to give up His life for us on the Cross. He was raised from the dead, and now reigns over the world and has the right to be our Lord. We are called by God to trust and serve Him as our Saviour and Lord, who has brought us into a new, living and eternal life.

We recognise that God's absolute authority resides in Jesus Christ. He is at work, through the Holy Spirit, shaping us and making us more mature so that we become more Christ-like. The Scriptures are God's precious gift to us, to inform us and instruct us in the faith and practices of the Christian life.

We also need a 'community of conviction' around us sharing our reading of the Scriptures with us, so that we can confirm that we are hearing and applying the Holy Spirit's revelation to our lives in a Christ-like way, free from self-deception.

Baptism was part of the great commission that Jesus Christ gave to His disciples before He ascended to heaven. As we read through the book of Acts, we see that every convert was baptised. Baptism is not an optional extra.

Baptism is a way of expressing our faith to others. Baptism by immersion in water represents and enacts what it means to be Christian. Faith is an invisible thing and needs to be expressed in action.

For the Christian, identity and duty walk hand in hand. As we go about our daily activities we need to be conscious that each person we meet was fashioned by God to bear His image. We are to be an ambassador of Jesus Christ to them. We should seek to reflect Jesus to them, in our manner, our care and our attentiveness towards them.