

Why Do You Wait?

After Paul was arrested in the temple in Jerusalem (Acts 21), he spoke to the people about his conversion (Acts 22). He told about Jesus speaking to him, his blindness, and Jesus' instructions to go to Damascus where he would be told all that Paul would be appointed to do. Paul spoke about Ananias coming to him and telling Paul what his mission would be. Ananias closed the discussion with "And now, why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16, ESV).

You might imagine that Ananias could have been a bit exasperated with Paul. Perhaps today Ananias would say "Come on Paul, you know you need to get baptized. What are you waiting for? There is no good reason to wait." Truly, there is never a good reason to wait.

Why do you wait? Have you been baptized? If not, why not? Do you understand the implications? The elders and ministers stand ready to study with you so that you fully understand the need for baptism. If you know that you should be baptized and why, please do not delay. We are not guaranteed another day on this earth.

Why do you wait? Have you been meaning to share the gospel with someone but cannot seem to broach the subject? James said that we should be doers of the word, and not just hearers (James 1:22). We know that Jesus said to go into the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15). So, be a doer of God's word, not just a hearer. Take that step and share the gospel.

Why do you wait? Have you been meaning to get involved with one of the ministries of the Church but just haven't got around to it? There is no better time than now to get started. If you need help determining where to pitch in, take a look at the Karns Vision book for 2017. It lists all of the ministries and points of contact for each. You can also talk to any of the elders or deacons. The time to help is now. James said that "whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin (James 4:17).

Why do you wait? Just as with Paul, there is no better time than now to do the right thing.

The elders love you and pray for you continually.

For the elders,
Tony Turner