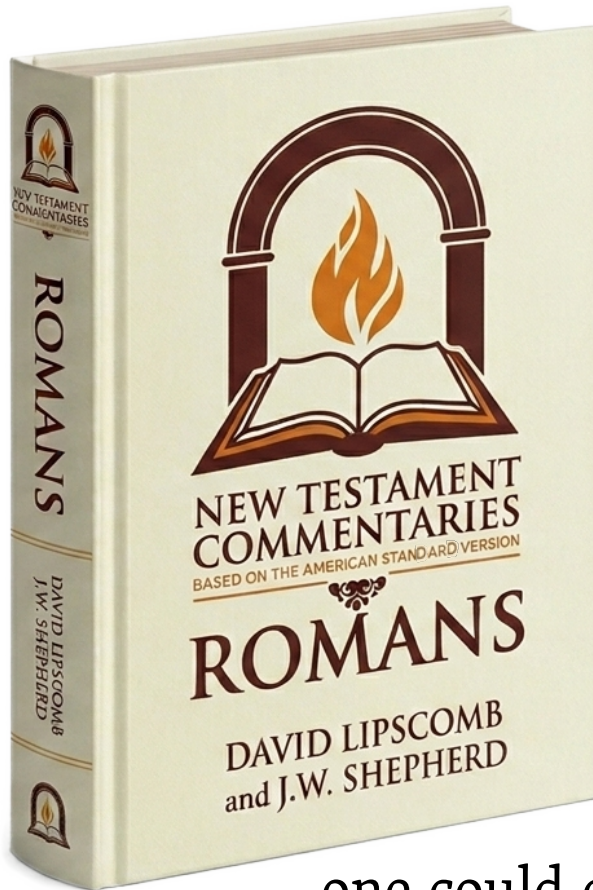


Romans Lesson 41

“Baptism is sometimes called a work of the person baptized, and it is sometimes claimed that if a man is par-



doned in baptism it would be salvation through works; but baptism has fewer of the qualities of works of the person baptized than either faith or repentance. ... The person baptized gives himself up into the hands of the administrator, and is buried out of self, to be raised up in Christ... When a man dies and his friends take his body and bury it, no

one could call it a work of the man buried.

This is the true type of him who is baptized. And there is no more propriety in calling baptism the work of the man baptized than there is in calling a burial the work of the person buried. Baptism is a work of God performed upon the man baptized through his servant to bring him, dead in trespasses and sins, into the state of life with God. The life is imparted through faith; it turns from sin in repentance and puts off the body of sin in baptism.”

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