

Baptism Is of No Value If..



Baptism: Command or Choice?

- Non-believers & denominationalists...
 - Baptism: Useless ritual, superstitious relic
 - Baptism: Divorced from any saving power
- Baptism commanded in Great Commission
 - **Matthew 28:19**, *“Go...teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...”*
 - **Mark 16:16**, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be save...”*

**Baptism for Remission of Sins
Found Throughout the Book of Acts**

First Gospel Sermon

- Peter preached death, burial & resurrection
 - **Acts 2:22-35**, First Gospel Sermon
- People's response
 - **Acts 2:37**, *“What shall we do?”*
- Peter **DID NOT** Respond...
 - Do nothing! Your works will not save you!
 - Accept Jesus as your personal savior!
 - Ask Jesus to come into your heart!
 - Pray the sinner's prayer!
 - Just believe, Your faith alone will save you!



First Gospel Sermon

- Peter DID respond

- **Acts 2:38**, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

- People’s response

- **Acts 2:41**, “...they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Only The Beginning!

Other Baptisms Recorded in Acts

- 4000 baptized next day, **Acts 4:4**
- Simon & the Samaritans, **Acts 8:12**
- Ethiopian Eunuch, **Acts 8:39**
- Saul of Tarsus, **Acts 9:18; Acts 22:16**
- Cornelius & household, **Acts 10:48**
- Lydia & household, **Acts 16:15**
- Philippian Jailor & household, **Acts 16:33**
- Crispus & household in Athens, **Acts 18:8**
- Disciples baptized by Apollos, **Acts 19:4**



Baptism Essential for Salvation

However, Baptism IS NOT...

- A cure all
- A magic fix
- An immunization against all future sins
- A once saved, always saved, operation



The Truth is...

Baptism Is Of No Value if...

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No Value if...

...not preceded by
Correct Understanding!

- They heard, believed, & were baptized,
 - Acts 2; Acts 8; Acts 10; Acts 16; Acts 18, etc.)
- Baptism requires the understanding that:
 - Jesus is God's Son, and he died for us
 - John 3:16; John 8:24
 - Baptism is for remission of sins
 - Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16

Baptism - Understanding = "0" Value

- ❖ Infant Baptism – Understanding = "0"
- ❖ Adult Baptism – Understanding = "0"



Baptism is of
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...not preceded by
Proper Faith!

- *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”, Mark 16:16*
 - Must believe Jesus to be God’s son
 - Must believe Jesus is divine before baptism
 - Must believe baptism saves, 1 Peter 3:21
- Faith leads to salvation
 - Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1, 6

Baptism – Faith = Bath



Baptism is of
No Value if...

...not preceded by
True Repentance!

- *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38 (Mark 16:16; Luke 13:3)*

Baptism – Repentance = Still Lost

- No change of lifestyle
- No avoidance of sin
- No redirection of Life
- No commitment to Christ

Sin

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...not preceded by Biblical Confession

- **Acts 8:36-37**, “...See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” (Matthew 10:32-33)
- Meaningless Confession: “I believe that God for Christ’s sake has forgiven my sins.”
- **God forgives sins at baptism, not before!**
 - “Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
Acts 22:16 (Galatians 3:27)

Baptism – Confession = “0” Value



Baptism is of
No Value if...

...it is not an Immersion

- “...we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection...”, **Romans 6:4-5**
- “Buried with him in baptism...”, **Colossians 2:12**
- “...they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.” **Acts 8:38**



Baptism–Immersion=Shower of false illusion

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...it is not followed by

Faithful Christian Living!

- *“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” **Acts 2:41-42***
- *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” **Romans 12:1-2***

Faithful Christian Living

- Studying, **2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:15**
- Praying, **1 Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:16**
- Worshiping, **John 4:24, Hebrews 10:25**
- Contending, **Ephesians 6:10-18, Jude 3**
- Serving, **Galatians 6:10**
- Laboring, **Matthew 25:16-30**
- Avoiding evil, **1 Thessalonians 5:22**
- Evangelizing, **Matthew 28:18-20**
- Being Faithful Unto Death, **Revelation 2:10**

Baptism–Faithful Living = STILL LOST

What About Your Baptism?

VALUE?



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VALUE?**

**Approved
By God?**

~~**Not
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