

Baptism- Some Questions & Miscellaneous Matters

Questions to Consider

- 1) According to Mark 16:16, who is the “he” that “shall be saved?”
- 2) In Acts 2:37, when the question, “What shall we do?” was asked, what did the inquirers want to know?
- 3) In I Corinthians 1:13, what two things are pointed out as being necessary to be “of Christ?”
- 4) What does the expression “washing of water by the word” in Ephesians 5:26 mean?
- 5) What is “the washing of regeneration” in Titus 3:5?
- 6) From what does baptism “also now save us?” (I Pet. 3:21)

Comparisons

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:26)

...according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Tit. 3:5)

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body... (I Cor. 12:13)

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| { | * <u>Acts 8:5</u> “Preached Christ unto them” | } |
| | <u>Acts 8:12</u> When heard and believed, were baptized* | |
| | * <u>Acts 16:32</u> “Spake unto him the word of the Lord...” | |
| | <u>Acts 16:33</u> When heard and believed, were baptized* | |

Gal. 6:15 Only thing that can “avail” in Christ— “new creature”

II Cor. 5:17 Only way to be “new creature”—be “in Christ”

Gal. 3:27 Only way to get into Christ—“baptism”

Eph. 1:7 “Redemption” & “Forgiveness” through His blood

Col. 1:14 “Redemption” & “Forgiveness” through His blood

Acts 2:38 “Remission” through baptism

Conclusion- Baptism is the means (and only means) through which His blood is contacted, sins forgiven and man redeemed (Rom. 6:3, 4; Jn. 19:33, 34)

If Baptism is Not a Condition of Salvation, Answer the Following:

- 1) Why did Peter mention baptism since he was answering the question of what to do to be saved? (Acts 2:37, 38)
- 2) If salvation comes after baptism, would not repentance also follow salvation, since they are joined by the conjunction “and?” (Acts 2:38)
- 3) Did Christ shed His blood because men were already saved? Would it be false doctrine to teach this? If “for the remission of sins” in Acts 2:38 means “*because of remission*,” would not this same phrase in Matthew 26:28 mean “*because of remission*?”
- 4) If salvation comes before baptism, why does Peter say it is “for the remission of sins?” (Acts 2:38)
- 5) Can one be saved and not receive the word? (Jn. 12:48; Lk. 8:12)
- 6) Were all who received the word on Pentecost baptized? (Acts 2:41)
- 7) Does the word (which those on Pentecost “received”) say “for the remission of sins,” or “because of the remission of sins?”
- 8) Is it possible for one to be baptized as the word teaches and not be baptized “for the remission of sins?”

Can Learn About Baptism Only From Verses That Mention It

- Can learn nothing about baptism from John 3:16, Luke 13:3; Romans 10:10. Why? They do not mention baptism!
- Since baptism is not mentioned in these verses, does that mean that baptism is not essential to salvation? If so, since these do not mention such things as the blood of Jesus, God’s grace, or mercy, are they not essential either?
- These passages do tell us something about salvation, but not everything involved with salvation (Ps. 119:160 ASV)
- Since these verses tell us nothing about baptism, they are not the verses to go to in order to find out about baptism
- When study the verses that do tell us about baptism we learn that baptism: Saves (I Pet. 3:21); Remits sins (Acts 2:38); Washes sins away (Acts 22:16); Puts one into Christ (Rom. 6:3)
- Nothing can be proven about baptism from passages that do not mention baptism
- From those passages that do mention it, it cannot possibly be concluded that it is not essential!