

**Asking
Important
Questions
About
Your
Baptism**



Some Important Questions



- ◆ How old were you when you were baptized?
- ◆ How were you baptized?
- ◆ What did you confess before you were baptized?
- ◆ For what purpose were you baptized?
- ◆ Did you believe that you were already saved when you were baptized?

When Were You Baptized?

How Old Were You?



"The Church and parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth"

(Catechism Of The Catholic Church)

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"baptism works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and gives eternal salvation and that infant baptism is God pleasing because persons so baptised were reborn and sanctified by the Holy Spirit".

(Luther Small and Large Catechism)

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(Westminster Confession pg 16)

“Thus, our doctrine as Presbyterians is that something happens when an infant is baptised and the grace promised by the Holy Ghost is conferred to the infant. However, this grace does not come into effect immediately and will actually become effective at some future point in time according to God's own will.”

When Were You Baptized?

How Old Were You?



Old Enough To:

- ◆ **Hear the word of the Lord** (Acts 16:31-33; Rom. 10:17)
- ◆ **Believe in Jesus as the Son of God** (Mark 16:15-16)
- ◆ **Repent of sins** (Acts 2:38)
- ◆ **Confess with the mouth that Jesus is Lord** (Acts 8:37; Rom 10:9-10)

How Were You Baptized?

Sprinkling, pouring, Immersion?



The Westminster Confession of Faith

"Dipping of the person into the water is not necessary; the Baptism is rightly administered by pouring or sprinkling water upon the person" - par. 6.141, Presbyterian Book of Confessions, 1967 ed.

How Were You Baptized?

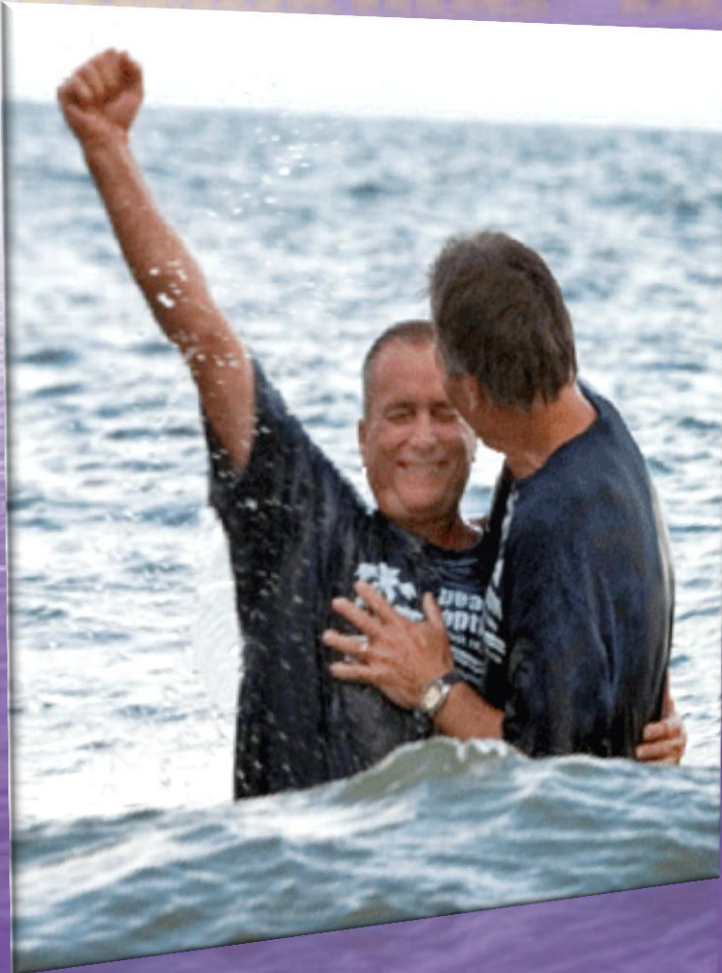
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A Catechism for Adults (Catholic),
"How is baptism given? It is given by pouring water over the forehead of the person to be baptized ... " - 1975 ed., p. 63.

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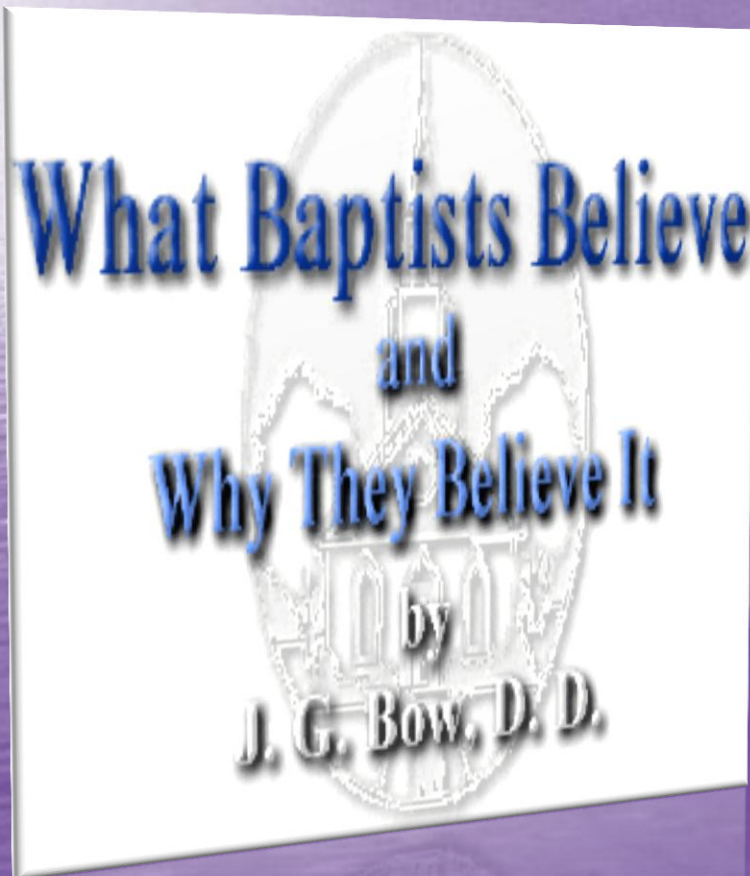


Baptism = Immersion:

- ◆ **Strong's # <G908>** βάπτισμα, baptism - "baptism," consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence (from baptō, "to dip"),— Vine's
- ◆ **Baptism is a burial in water** (Acts 8:38; Col 2:12; Rom 6:4)

Why Were You Baptized?

Because? A Sign? Join Den.?



“Baptists believe that no one is a scriptural subject for baptism till he is already saved”
(J.G. Bow, What Baptist Believe and Why They Believe It, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, pages 36-37).

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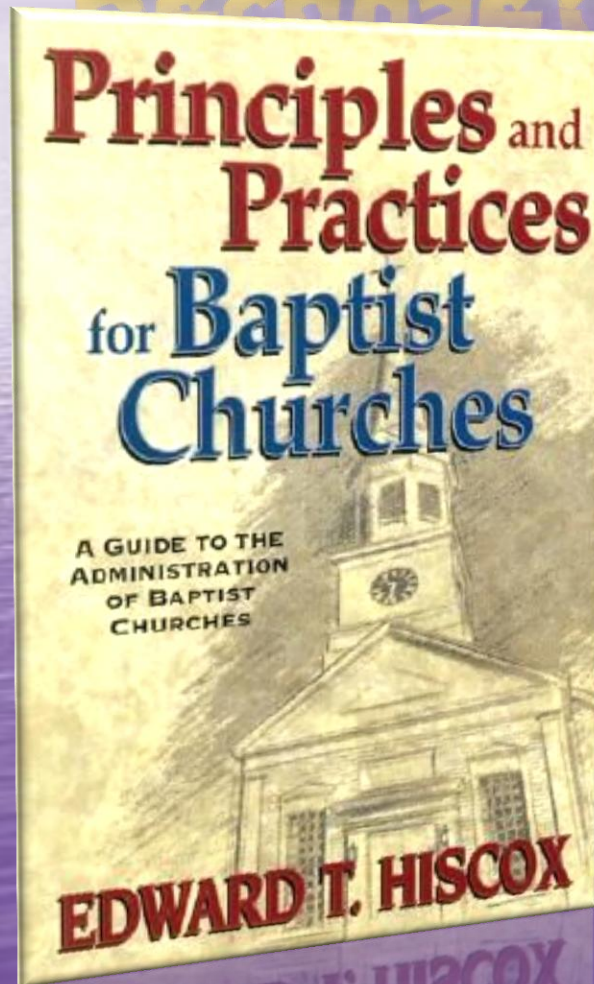
“Baptists believe that only penitent believers are scriptural subjects for baptism. Only such as have repented of sin, believed to the saving of the soul, been saved by divine power, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, created anew in Christ Jesus. converted to God, are prepared to receive the ordinance. We think the design of baptism, the act, the symbolic representation, all require the subject to be a child of God, dead to sin and alive unto God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(J.G. Bow, What Baptist Believe and Why They Believe It, CHAPTER XIII)

http://www.pbministries.org/Theology/J.%20G.%20Bow/what_baptists_believe13.htm

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"Baptism is not essential to salvation ... but it is essential to obedience, since Christ commanded it. It is also essential to membership in the church which is his body"

Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, Hiscox (pp. 20,21), via Handbook of Religious Quotations, p. 10.

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“I am absolutely stoked about this Sunday at Awaken. We’ll have our first public baptism celebration and celebrate, we will! We have at least 3 people who will be baptized on Sunday as a public declaration of their faith in Jesus and a symbol of the new life they have in Him.”

Jay Hardwick – Pastor of
Awaken Church

Blog - Posted Oct. 2, 2009

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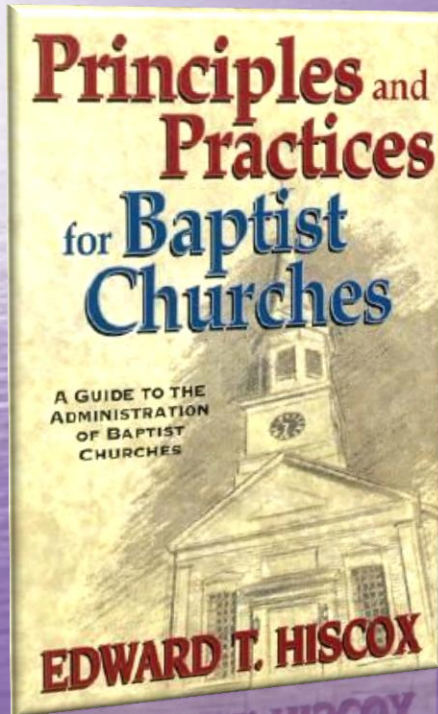
**Presbyterian Law for
Local Churches p. 43**

“Un-baptized persons are received into the church by the vote of the session upon their profession of faith in Christ... This is followed by baptism.”



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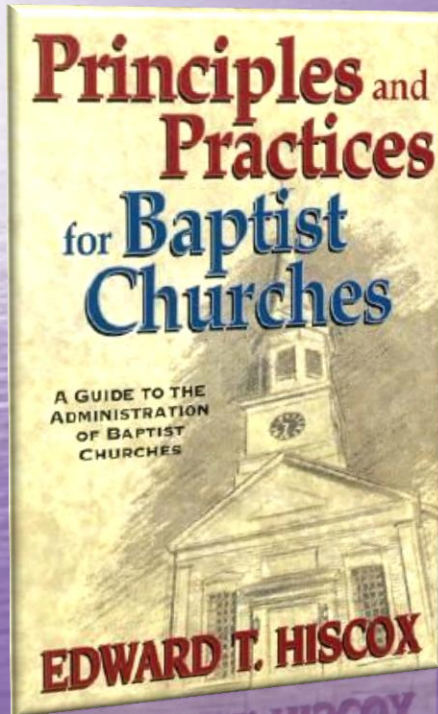


Hiscox Standard Baptist Manuel p. 36

“each member must be admitted by the free and voluntary consent and approval of those already members... (a vote of the body)... by this action alone are new members received. A person may be admitted to the church by baptism... the church considers the question of his reception; then, votes that he be received as a member, on being baptized.

Why Were You Baptized?

Because? A Sign? Join Den.?



Hiscox Standard Baptist Manuel p. 22

“...in the Apostolic age when there was one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by the very act constituted him a member of the church,... In that sense, baptism was the door into the church. Now it is different.”

Why Were You Baptized?

Unto Remission of Sins & Into Christ?

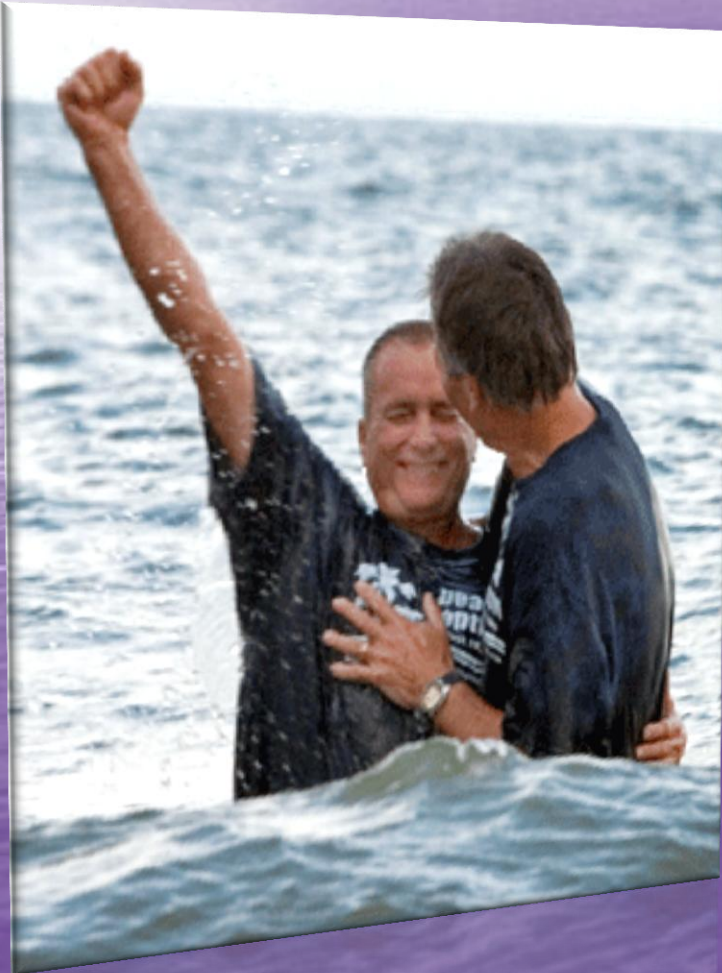


Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

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Wm. Arndt and F.W. Gingrich,
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eis is defined as expressing
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Lexicon, Chicago: University of
Chicago, 1967, 228 – Ref by
Vines - 714).

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Ceslas Spicq

citing Acts 2:38 –

“Water baptism is a means of realizing this conversion, and its goal – something altogether new – is a washing, ‘the remission of sins’” (Theological Lexicon of the New Testament, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1994, Vol. 1, 242).

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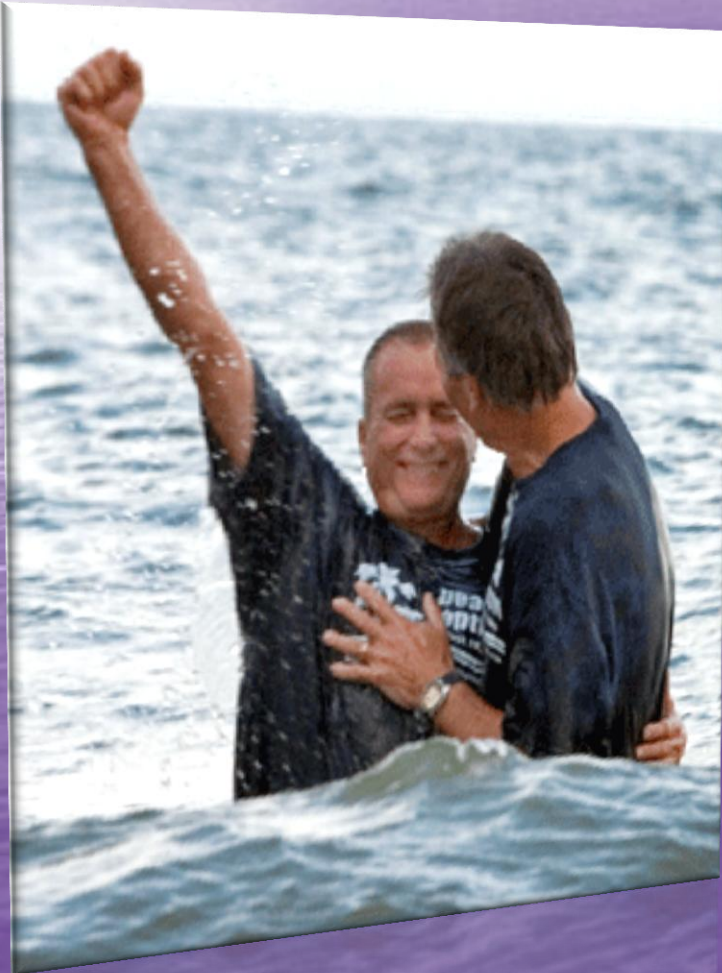


Daniel B. Wallace

“the “causal” use of eis in Acts 2:38 (i.e., “because of” instead of “in order to”) has been demonstrated to fail in terms of linguistic evidence ([Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics p. 370)”

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EIS - 1771 times.

Strong's Dictionary:

a primary preposition; to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figurative) purpose (result, etc.);

Thayer Definition;

1) into, unto, to, towards, for, among

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Matthew 26:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ For¹ this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for² many for³ the remission of sins.

- ✦ ¹**Gar** - a primary particle – translated simply 'for' 1027 of the 1067 that it is found.
- ✦ ²**Peri** - on account of, because of,
- ✦ ³**Eis** - primary preposition – into, unto, to, towards, for, among

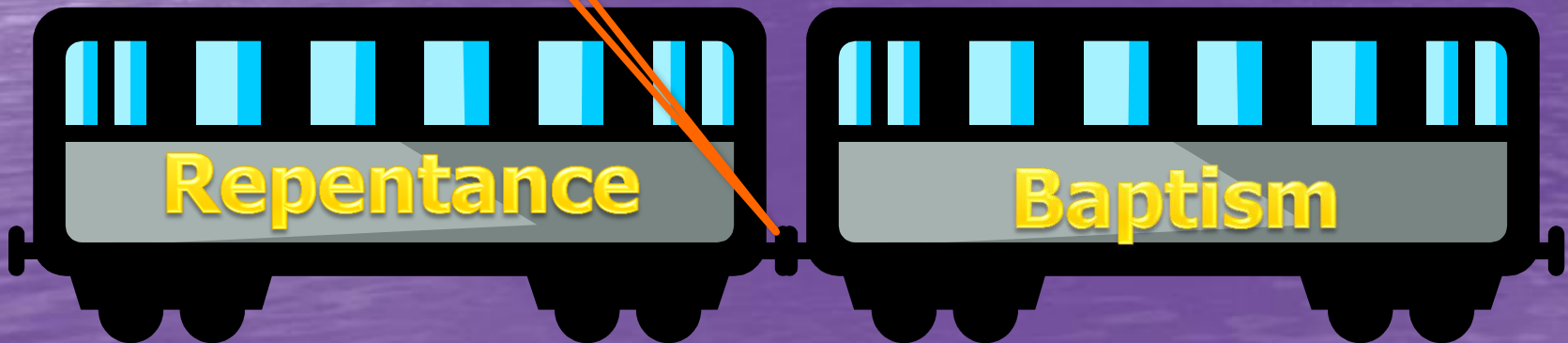
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Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Why Were You Baptized?

Unto Remission of Sins & Into Christ?



Romans 6:3 (NKJV)

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

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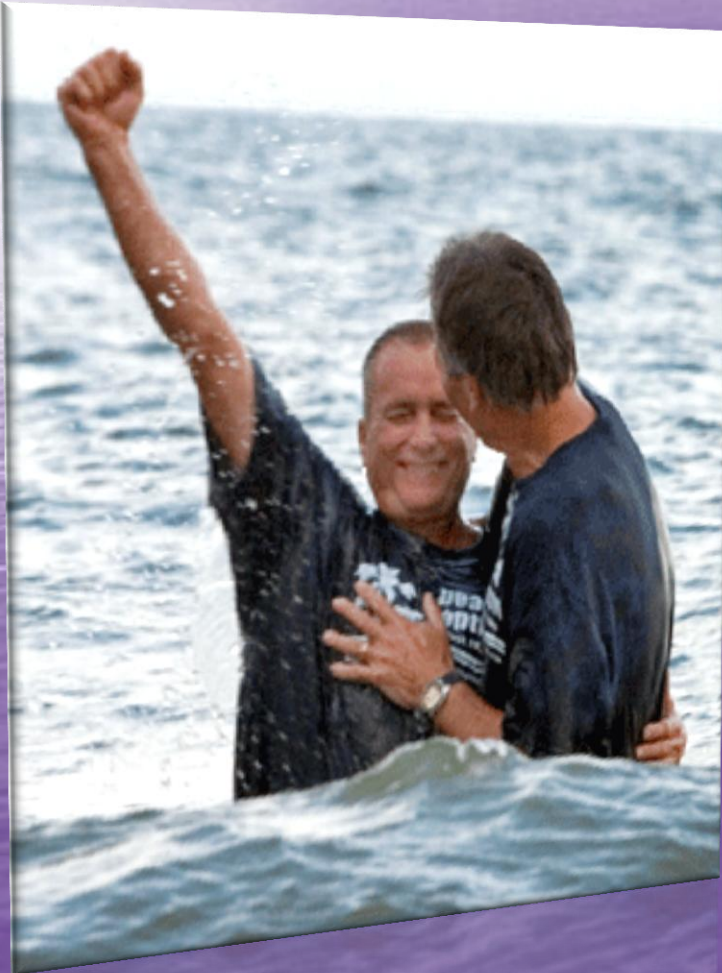


Galatians 3:26-27 (NKJV)

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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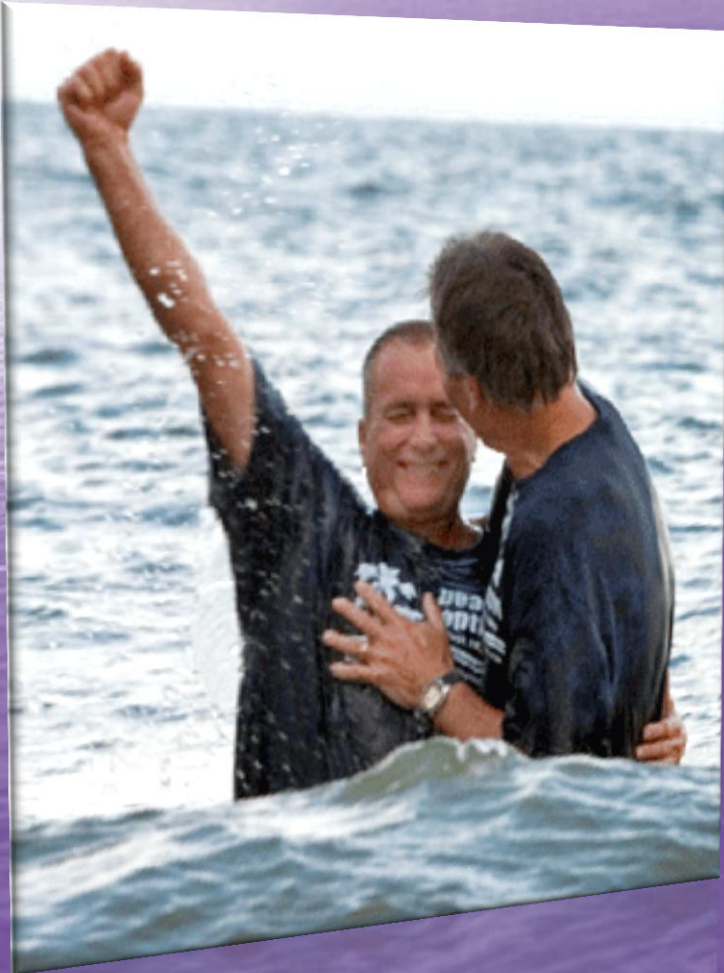


1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

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An Appeal To God For Salvation?

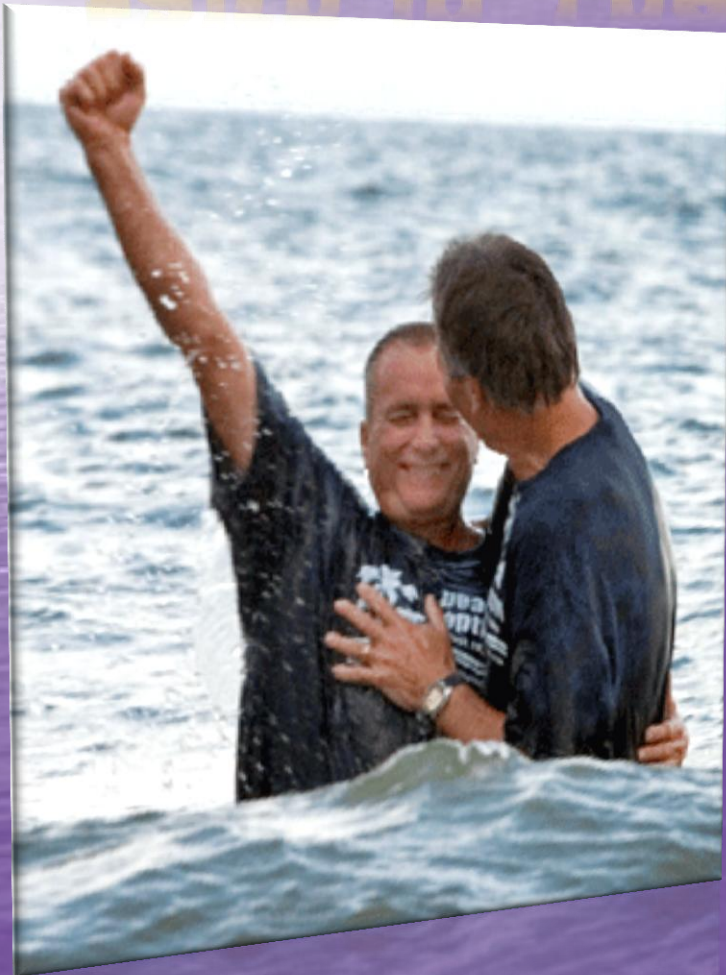


1 Peter 3:21 (NKJV)

²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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Faith In The Working of God?



Colossians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

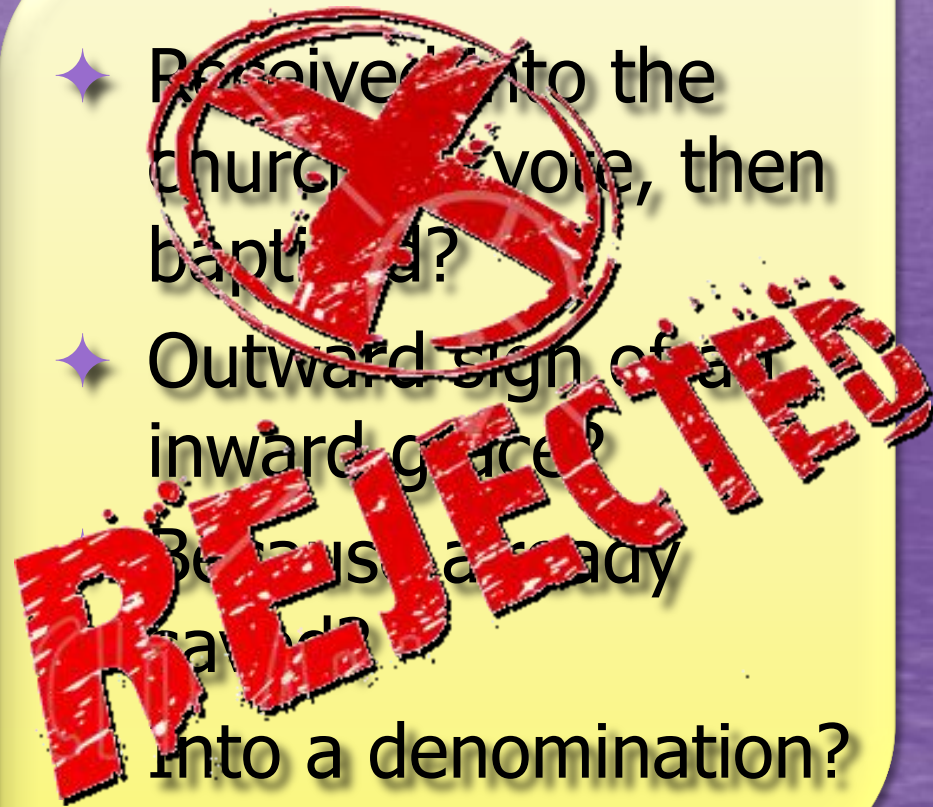
¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Why Were You Baptized?

Because? A Sign? Join Den.?

- ◆ To obtain The Forgiveness of Sins?
- ◆ Into A Relationship With Christ?
- ◆ Faith In The Working of God?
- ◆ An Appeal To God For A Good Conscience?

- ◆ Received into the church by vote, then baptized?
- ◆ Outward sign of an inward grace?
- ◆ Because already a member of a denomination?
- ◆ Into a denomination?



Why Were You Baptized?

Romans 6:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Why Were You Baptized?

Have You Obeyed From The Heart?



Romans 6

Baptism – the birth of a relationship followed by a life of commitment.

V. 3-4 a new life begins

V. 11 alive unto God through Christ.

V. 16 continuing commitment.

V. 17 'obeyed from the heart'

Have You Been Baptized?

When? - How? - Why?

Can One Be Taught
Error – Believe Error –
And Obey From The
Heart The Truth?

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When? - How? - Why?

Were You Responding
to the Gospel of Christ
or a Doctrine of Men?

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