

**THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT BAPTISM
IS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION!**



Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

- 1. Today many people have been taught and believe that they can be saved without being baptized.**
- 2. It is extremely urgent that we examine the Bible and see what it says about baptism and if it is necessary for us to be baptized before we can be saved.**
- 3. What we think, what we feel, what we have been taught or what we believe is not important.**
- 4. What is important is what the Bible says about the subject.**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

- 5. We will examine a number of scriptures dealing with the subject of baptism and try to see what God wants us to do about baptism.**
- 6. I have used the New King James Translation but feel free to use whatever reputable translation you choose, the result will be the same.**
- 7. As you look at these scriptures try to put aside whatever you have been taught or believed in the past about baptism and simply look at what the Bible is saying each situation.**

JESUS' BAPTISM

(Mat 3:13-17) Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. {14} And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” {15} But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. {16} When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. {17} And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

JESUS' BAPTISM

1. Why did Jesus say John should baptize him? (Mat. 3:15) To fulfill all righteousness.
2. Would all righteousness have been fulfilled if Jesus had not been baptized? No.
3. If Jesus needed to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness, is it not even more necessary for us as sinners to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness? Yes.
4. Is it possible for you to fulfill all righteousness without being baptized? No.

JESUS SENDS OUT THE APOSTLES

(Mark 16:15-16) And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. {16} “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

JESUS SENDS OUT THE APOSTLES

1. Jesus says the one who believes and is baptized will be saved.

2. If you told me; “if you mow the yard and till the garden I will give you \$25”; and I came to you for the \$25 after just mowing the yard, would you give it to me? No. Or would you tell me I would get the \$25 only after I did both of the things You told me to do? Sure, you would expect me to do both.

3. Jesus says those who believe and are baptized will be saved. Both must be done before salvation comes. Isn't that what he said? Yes.

JESUS SENDS OUT THE APOSTLES

4. Some would say, “But it doesn’t say he who is not baptized would be condemned. It only says he who does not believe would be condemned.” Since it is obvious that belief comes before baptism and there would be no reason for baptism without first believing, then there would be no need to say, “He who does not believe and is not baptized will be condemned.”

5. Using the illustration in #2 above let’s see how this would work. “He who mows the yard and tills the garden will receive \$25 but he who does not mow the yard will not be paid.” Does the fact that I did not say, “He who does not mow the yard and till the garden will not be paid” change what was necessary to receive the pay? No.

6. What do you understand this verse to be saying?

What other explanation could there be?

PETER'S SERMON

(Acts 2:36-41) “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” {37} Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” {38} Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {39} “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” {40} And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” {41} Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

PETER'S SERMON

1. Peter told the people they needed to repent and be baptized and their sins would be forgiven.
2. Can a person be saved without their sins being forgiven? No
3. Were people “added to them” before or after they repented and were baptized? After
4. Note that immediately after Peter told them to “be saved from this perverse generation,” those who gladly received his word were baptized.
5. When will your sins be forgiven so you can be added to the number of the saved? When baptized.

PHILIP & THE EUNUCH

(Acts 8:26-39) Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. {27} So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, {28} was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. {29} Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." {30} So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" {31} And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. {32} The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. >>>

PHILIP & THE EUNUCH

{33} In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." {34} So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" {35} Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. {36} Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" {37} Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." {38} So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. {39} Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

PHILIP & THE EUNUCH

1. What did Philip preach to the eunuch? (35)

Jesus

2. What did the eunuch ask Peter after he heard about Jesus? (36) What hinders me from being baptized?

3. What was Philip's response to the eunuch's question? (37) If you believe with all your heart, you may.

4. Why do you think the automatic response to hearing about Jesus prompted the eunuch to ask if he could be baptized? Preaching Jesus included baptism.

5. What does the fact that both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water tell us about the form of the baptism at that time (sprinkling, pouring or immersion) Only immersion would require both.

CORNELIUS & PETER

(Acts 10:1-6) There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, {2} a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. {3} About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” {4} And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. {5} “Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. {6} “He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.”

CORNELIUS & PETER

(Acts 10:47-48) “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” {48} And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

(Acts 11:13-17) “And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, {14} ‘who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.’ {15} “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. {16} “Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ {17} “If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?” . . .

CORNELIUS & PETER

1. Was Cornelius a “Godly” man? Yes.
2. What does verse 6 of chapter 10 say Peter would tell Cornelius? What he must do.
3. Is something you “must do,” optional? No.
4. Why was Cornelius told to send for Peter? What was Peter to do for him? (11:14)
Tell him how he & his household would be saved.
5. If Peter would tell Cornelius words by which he would be saved, does that mean Cornelius was lost? Yes.
6. What did Peter “command” Cornelius and his family to do? (10:48) To be baptized in the name of the Lord.
7. Since Peter would tell Cornelius what he “must do” and “words by which he would be saved” and the only thing he was told to do was “be baptized,” then isn’t it evident that he was lost because he had not been baptized into Jesus? Yes.

THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

(Acts 16:25-33) But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. {26} Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. {27} And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. {28} But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." {29} Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. {30} And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" {31} So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." {32} Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. {33} And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

1. What time did all of this take place? (25) Midnight.
2. When was the baptism? (33) Same hour of the night.
3. Does not the fact that they were immediately baptized in the middle of the night, and didn't put it off until a more convenient time, show the importance of baptism? Yes.
4. Note that Paul told them to believe on the Lord. He then spoke the word of the Lord to them and immediately they were baptized. Throughout the book of Acts the immediate response to the preaching was belief and baptism. What reason would someone have for waiting to be baptized?
No valid reason.
5. Evidently, Paul told them of their need for baptism when he "spoke the word of the Lord" to them? Do you see that?
Yes. No other explanation.

THE 12 EPHESIAN DISCIPLES

(Acts 19:1-5) And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples {2} he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." {3} And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." {4} Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." {5} When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

THE 12 EPHESIAN DISCIPLES

1. Were these believers? Yes.
2. Did they have the Spirit? No.
3. What did Paul ask them when they said they had not even heard of the Holy Spirit? Into what were you baptized
4. Why would he ask them about their baptism?
They should have received the Spirit at baptism.
5. Was John's baptism sufficient for these people? No.
6. What did they do when they "heard this"?
They were baptized.
7. If you had the wrong kind of baptism, would you be baptized in the right way, without question, like they were? Yes.
8. Paul said if we do not have the spirit dwelling in us we are not His. (Rom 8:9) But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

SAUL'S (PAUL'S) CONVERSION

(Acts 22:12-16) “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, {13} “came to me; and he stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that same hour I looked up at him. {14} “Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. {15} ‘For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. {16} ‘And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

SAUL'S (PAUL'S) CONVERSION

1. What was the only thing Ananias told Saul to do after he told him God had chosen Him? (16) Be baptized.
2. Note the urgency when Ananias asks Saul “what are you waiting for?” If you had heard those words spoken to you, what would you have done? Be baptized immediately.
3. What effect would baptism have on Saul's sins?
Wash them away.
4. Can a person be saved if he has not been cleansed from his sins? No.
5. Note that by being baptized and washing away his sins he was calling on the name of the Lord.
6. What are you waiting for in being baptized?
Don't wait, you may not get another chance.

THE NEW BIRTH

(John 3:3-5) Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” {4} Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” {5} Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

THE NEW BIRTH

(Rom 6:1-7) What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? {2} Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? {3} Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? {4} Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. {5} For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, {6} knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. {7} For he who has died has been freed from sin.

THE NEW BIRTH

1. What must one do to enter the kingdom? (Jn. 3:3-5)
Be born of water and the Spirit.
2. Can one be saved without being in the kingdom of God?
No.
3. How does Rom. 6:3 say we get into Christ? Baptized into.
4. How does our baptism relate to the death of Jesus? (Rom 6:3-4) Baptized into His Death.
5. Does the new life begin before or after baptism? (Rom. 6:4)
After.
6. What happens when we are united with Christ's death in baptism? (Rom. 6:5-6) United in His Res. Body of sin done away.
7. What happens to our relationship to sin, after baptism? (Rom 6:7) Freed from it.
8. Through baptism, we re-enact the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We are also united with him in his death, making contact with his blood that saves us from our sins.

SONS OF GOD THROUGH FAITH & BAPTISM

(Gal 3:26-29) 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. {28} There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. {29} And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

SONS OF GOD THROUGH FAITH & BAPTISM

1. What two things are required of us in this scripture to be children of God and put on Christ?
Faith and baptism.
2. “for” in verse 27 means “because,” this means that we become sons of God because we were united with him in baptism, isn’t this what Paul says? Yes.
3. How does verse 27 say we get “into Christ”
Baptized into Him.
4. Verse 29 says we are heirs of God. Are we heirs of God before or after we become sons of God through baptism? After.
5. What is the inheritance of the child of God?
Heaven.

SONS OF GOD THROUGH FAITH & BAPTISM

(1 Pet 1:3-4) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

6. Is being in Christ and belonging to Christ the same thing?

(28-29) Yes.

7. Can you be saved if you are not “in Christ” or do not “belong to Christ”? No.

8. The only way the Bible ever says we get “into Christ” is by baptism.

PUTTING OFF THE SINFUL NATURE

(Col 2:8-13) Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. {9} For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; {10} and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. {11} In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, {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,

PUTTING OFF THE SINFUL NATURE

1. What is the circumcision of Christ. (11-12) Baptism.
2. What happens to our body of sin when we are buried with Christ by baptism? (11-12) It is put off.
3. Before baptism we were dead in our trespasses. (13)
4. When baptized we are made alive with Christ, and he forgives all of our trespasses (13).
5. Can you be saved and still be dead in your sins? No.
6. Under the old covenant (testament) circumcision was the sign or proof that a man was an Israelite (a child of God). Under the new covenant (testament) the circumcision of Christ (baptism) is the sign or proof that a person is a child of God (Christian). The circumcision of Christ, baptism, cuts away our sin that separated us from God.

BAPTISM NOW SAVES US

(1 Pet 3:18-22) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, {19} by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, {20} who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. {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, {22} who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

BAPTISM NOW SAVES US

1. In the days of Noah eight people were saved through water (20)
2. The water which saved Noah and his family symbolizes baptism which now saves us.
3. In view of the plain statement “baptism now saves you” do you think you can be saved without baptism? No.
4. Can you have a good conscience toward God if you have not been baptized? No.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

- 1. Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins?**
- 2. These scriptures show that baptism is necessary for your salvation and you cannot be saved without obedience to God in baptism to wash away your sins.**
- 3. If you have not been baptized, what are you waiting for?**
- 4. God wants you to be saved! Jesus wants you to be in heaven with Him! Repent and be baptized now!**



**TONIGHT'S SERMON
BUSY WITH JOY**