

Chapter 6: What About Water Baptism?

Up For Discussion:

1. Why should believers be baptized? (Page 83)

2. When is the Holy Spirit given? (Pages 84-85)

3. Baptism is only a what? (Page 87) _____
4. Is not being baptized after you are saved a sin? (Pages 89-90) _____
5. If it is, did Jesus die for that sin? (I John 2:2) _____

Crucial Point:

Baptism is not mentioned in hundreds of salvation passages. If you see a verse that seems like it might say you must be baptized to be saved, then compare it with the rest of the Scriptures. Verses that seem to say that baptism is required to be saved are very few, and every single one can be understood correctly when read in context. The point is, don't take the very few verses and use them to interpret the many clear verses; use the many verses to interpret the few.

Make It Personal:

1. Have you ever been baptized? _____
2. If you were, was it before you were saved, or afterward? _____
3. If somebody asked you, "What is the point of baptism?" what would you say?

Assignment:

Hypothetically, you are witnessing to someone. He/she quotes 1 Peter 3:21 to prove that baptism is required to be saved. Write what your response would be to such a statement. (Page 89)

Memorize:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. ²¹ For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Acts 2:38 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.

Take Test 4: Chapters 5 and 6