

BAPTISM, WHO, WHY, AND HOW?

One of the most troublesome subjects in the religious world is that of baptism. It has become the battling ground for theologians. On this subject, the uninformed have become so-called authorities. When baptism is discussed, feelings are hurt, emotions are stirred, hard feelings arise, gratitude is developed and honest souls are saved. A multiplicity of concepts, theories and speculations have developed, but let me stress this imperishable truth that **Baptism is a command**. In Matthew 28:19 the resurrected Christ said, "**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**" Read Acts 10:48! However, it is the most hated command that ever fell from the lips of our blessed Lord. But in spite of this hate, the command must be obeyed. (2 John 9-11)

WHO IS TO BE BAPTIZED?

Every man who complies with the teaching of the Lord

How can any God-fearing man say with this verse facing him that baptism is not essential to salvation. The Son of God said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Belief + Baptism = Salvation!

HOW IS ONE BAPTIZED?

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:5 that there is one baptism. Since there is only **One scriptural baptism** I raise the question, "**Which one?**" Is it sprinkling, pouring or immersion? One only needs to check the Bible requirements of baptism to see definite **Action** involved.

Baptism is not OPTIONAL, but it is a COMMAND by JESUS. Mark 16:15,16

should be baptized. In Matthew 28:19, The Prince of Peace states that the **Taught** should be baptized. In Mark 16:16, Jesus tells us that **Believers** should be baptized, and in Luke 13:3, He positively states that **Repentance** must be done. And finally, one must **Confess** Christ to be the Son of God. (Acts 8:36, Romans 10:10) Only when one has met these conditions is he thus a proper subject for baptism. **Please observe that infants cannot be taught the gospel, nor believe it; therefore they should not be baptized.** Baptism is for the unsaved, and not because you have already been saved. (Acts 22:16)

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Baptism is a necessary condition for the forgiveness of sin. **It is an indispensable pre-requisite to salvation.** So many people are baptized without knowing why they were baptized. We are baptized to be saved (Mark 16:16, I Peter 3:21); to enter Christ's body, the church (I Corinthians 12:13); and to wear Christ's name (I Corinthians 1:12,13).

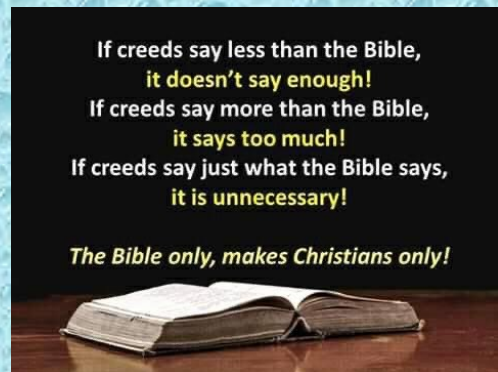
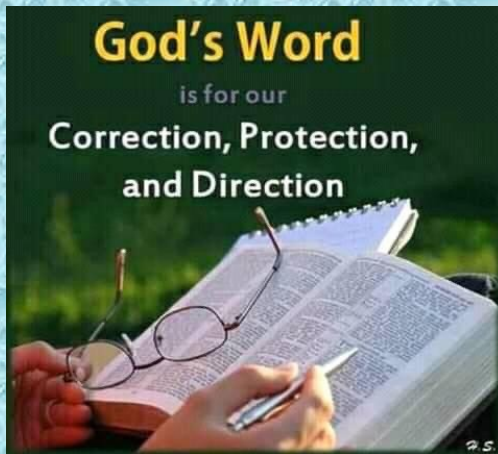
WHICH FITS THE BIBLE?

BIBLE BAPTISM REQUIRES	Sprinkling Requires	Pouring Requires	Immersion Requires
* WATER , Acts 10:47	X	X	X
* MUCH WATER , John 3:23			X
* GOING DOWN INTO THE WATER , Acts 8:38			X
* A BURIAL , Romans 6:3,4			X
* A RESURRECTION , Romans 6:5; Colossians 2:12			X

Sprinkling and pouring do not fit the Bible description and requirement of baptism. Both are without Divine authority or approval. There is no Bible example of sprinkling or pouring water for baptism in the New Testament. **The one baptism of the Bible is immersion.** My friends, have you been baptized the way the Bible says? If not, why not? Why not have the courage to obey what Jesus say?
Eugene Lawton

Without Baptism You Cannot:

- **Obey Christ's command** (Matt. 28:19)
- **Be saved** (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- **Enter the kingdom** (John 3:3-5)
- **Have remission of sins** (Acts 2:38)
- **Wash away sins** (Acts 22:16)
- **Walk in newness of life** (Rom. 6:4)
- **Be in the one body** (1 Cor. 12:13)
- **Put on Christ** (Gal. 3:27)
- **Follow biblical example** (Acts)



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like for you to make a careful comparison of this church with the one described in detail in your Bible. We believe that you will find that this church is not similar to but is identical in every way to the church you read about in the New Testament. This isn't an exclusive or wealthy church, everything about it is very simple and it is not its purpose to feed vanity or pride with a display of vain things.

It is not its aim to amuse or entertain those who attend its services. It exists here as a simple New Testament body, pointing those of its community to the Christ and God of the Bible. Its doors are open to those who from the quiet depths of their hearts would reach out to God in simple worship and by obedient living. **You are invited to attend the church of Christ. --- Romans 16:16; Matthew 16:18.**

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Worship.....6:00 P.M.
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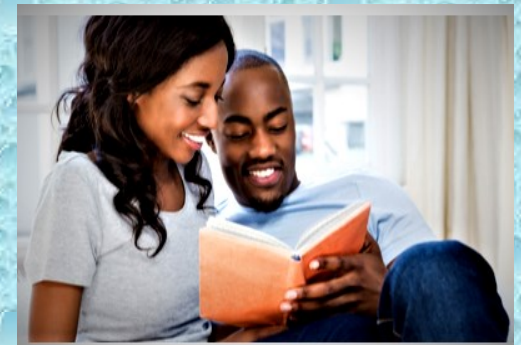
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