



Baptism

The Fifth Step In God's Plan Of
Salvation

Bible Baptism

- It is for the remission of sins of persons outside of Christ
 - Acts 2:38 – “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.”

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- It is an act of faith
 - Col. 2:12 – “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.”
 - Just as faith is essential
 - Heb. 11:6 – “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
 - So baptism is essential
 - John 3:5 – “Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

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- Washes away sins
 - Acts 22:16 – “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
- In water
 - Acts 8:38 – “So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.”

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- Saves

- Titus 3:5 – “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit”

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- Demands a right attitude
 - 1Peter 3:20-21 – “...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”

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- Generates a change
 - Rom. 6:3-7 – “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.”

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- Puts one into Christ
 - Gal. 3:27 – “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
- Making him a child of God
 - Gal. 3:26 – “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

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- For our redemption
 - Eph. 1:7 – “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”
 - 1Peter 1:18-19 – “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

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- Adds one to the church
 - Acts 2:41, 47 – “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
- Which is made up of the saved
 - Eph. 5:23 – “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

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- There is one Bible baptism
 - Eph. 4:4-6 – “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Baptism Requires

- Water
 - Acts 10:47 – “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”
- Much Water
 - John 3:23 – “Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized.”

Baptism Requires

- Coming to the Water
 - Acts 8:36 – “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?”
- Going into the Water
 - Acts 8:38 – “So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.”

Baptism Requires

- Burial in the Water
 - Rom 6:4 – “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.”
- Resurrection from the Water
 - Col 2:12 – “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.”

Baptism Is Preceded By

- Hearing
 - Acts 18:8 – “And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.”
- Believing
 - Mark 16:16
- Repenting
 - Acts 2:38
- Confessing Christ
 - Acts 8:36-37



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- Baptism Requires...
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Baptism Must Be Taught

- Matt 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.”

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- John 12:46-50 – “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

Baptism Must Be Taught

- Scriptural attitudes toward the un-baptized
 - Matt. 11:29 – “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
 - 2Peter 3:9, 15 – “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation”

Four Common Misunderstandings Regarding Baptism

- Don't understand purpose of baptism, but do it ritually
- Mistakenly hope for Holy Spirit baptism, and neglect water baptism
 - Eph. 4:4-6 – “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Four Common Misunderstandings Regarding Baptism

- Know baptism is essential, but use the wrong mode (sprinkling, affusion or pouring)
- Salvation is by faith and not works; since baptism appears to be a work, it is not necessary for salvation
 - 1Thes. 1:3 – “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, **labor of love**, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father”
 - 2Thes. 1:11 – “Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the **work of faith** with power”

Who Is A Prospect For Baptism?

- What is the purpose of baptism?
 - It is for the remission of sins, converting a sinner into a Christian.
 - It puts one into the church, making him subject to the blessings and responsibilities of a citizen in the kingdom of God.

Who Is A Prospect For Baptism?

- It is done following:
 - Hearing and understanding God's word
 - John 8:32 – “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
 - Rom 10:17 – “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Who Is A Prospect For Baptism?

- It is done following:
 - Faith in God's existence and power and in Jesus Christ as His Son
 - Heb. 11:6 – "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
 - John 8:24 – "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Who Is A Prospect For Baptism?

- It is done following:
 - Repentance of sins
 - Luke 13:3 – “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”
 - Acts 2:36-38 – “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.”

Who Is A Prospect For Baptism?

- It is done following:
 - Confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God
 - Rom. 10:9-10 – “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Who Is A Prospect For Baptism?

- Every person who wishes to be free from sins, desires to be in the Lord's church, and has completed those four Divinely authorized instructions is a prospect for baptism.

Baptism is Pivotal

- On Judgment day everyone will believe, everyone will repent, everyone will confess, but only those who were baptized before Judgment day will enter heaven.
- On that day, mothers will be eternally separated from daughters, fathers from sons, husbands from wives, brothers from sisters, grandparents from grandchildren
- What will make the difference is baptism.

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