

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.



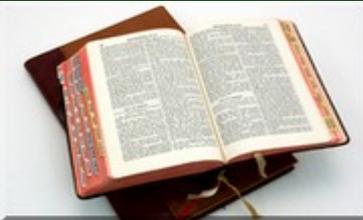
Understanding Baptism.

The scriptures teach that the **penitent believer must be baptised** in order to receive the forgiveness of sins.

We need to **agree** that **the Bible** is the **FINAL** court of appeal on the subject. Baptism is a **New Covenant** subject, **the evidence** we need to examine **must be consistent** with the **teaching in the New Testament Scriptures.**

We also need to agree that the **proper subject** of **Baptism is a penitent believer**, and **not an infant.**

Further that baptism involves an immersion in and emergence from water.



BAPTISED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

The question is not ARE WE SAVED BY GRACE?
I defer to no man in the strength of my **conviction**
that **the Grace of God saves us.**

The thing to be determined is precisely
HOW and WHEN
we are saved by Grace. (Titus 2:11;)

Neither is the question ARE WE SAVED BY FAITH?
or DOES FAITH SAVE?,
BUT HOW and WHEN DOES FAITH SAVE?

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**Neither is it a question of
BAPTISMAL REGENERATION**

as laid down by the Church of England prayer book
which **says that in the act of Baptism,**

**“Grace is conveyed before or without FAITH
on the part of the recipient.**

In other words at their **BAPTISM (sprinkling)**
the child receives the forgiveness
of their implied sins **WITHOUT faith.”**

**This is NOT True! WE should not believe
that BAPTISM without FAITH has any more value
than FAITH without BAPTISM. Baptism has no value
if apart from Faith, and then only because
of the Authority which has commanded BOTH.**

BAPTISED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

We must **'argue'** for the baptism of one who **trusts**, with all their heart, in the **saving merit of the precious blood of Christ**, and **affirm that**, when such a penitent believer,

in obedience to ALL that is the plain command of the Saviour Himself, is, **"buried with Him in baptism,"** the **blood of Christ becomes effective to their cleansing**, and they **rise**, as Paul states, **"to walk in newness of life."** ROMANS 6:4;

We may only determine the **true purpose** of Baptism by referring to the **scriptures** which speak of Baptism. **So we turn to the words of CHRIST HIMSELF.**

BAPTISED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

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IS BAPTISED HE IS SAVED and THUS RECEIVES THE REMISSION OF HIS SINS. BECAUSE CHRIST HIMSELF SAYS SO IN THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Matt 28:19-20; Luke 24:47; Mark 16:16;

BAPTISED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

The Holy Spirit, stressing the importance of the Lord's Last commission, caused it to be recorded in all four Gospel narratives, and they make plain that the Lord requires:-

- 1. That the Gospel be PREACHED.**
 - 2. Men must BELIEVE.**
 - 3. They must REPENT.**
 - 4. They must be BAPTISED,**
- that forgiveness of sins and salvation may follow.**

MOST religious groups believe in some kind of baptism. **MOST** religious groups teach something about the subject of baptism. **Many contradictions in the religious world exist.**

Religious Opinions Regarding Baptism.

Mode:-

Sprinkling, pouring.

Element:-

Holy Spirit, word.

Purpose:-

A sign to show people
that you are a believer;
A church ordinance;
A good thing to do; etc.

Biblical Truth!

Mode:- Burial.

Romans 6:4;

Element:- Water.

Acts 8:36-38;

Hebrews 10:22

Purpose:-

To receive salvation,
For the forgiveness
of sins, To receive
indwelling Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38, 40-41;

***Where in the Scripture
is the command
for This?***

Sprinkling, pouring.

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***What Do You
Believe? WHY?***

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The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

There are certain religious bodies which claim that there are **many 'MODES' of baptism**, and who say that the act of baptising may be carried out in various ways.

Including the **sprinkling or pouring of water on the head** of the one coming to baptism?

We need to clarify this particular point before we proceed any farther.

First; the assertion that there are many modes of baptism is quite false because the word, 'baptizo,' 'to baptise,' which **occurs 76 times** in the Greek New Testament, has to do, **without exception, with an immersion in, and an emergence from** something.

In other words, with the act of 'DIPPING.'

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

The practice of '**sprinkling**' comes from a quite different Greek word.

It is the word '**rhantizo,**' '**to sprinkle,**' which is found just **4 times** in the New Testament scriptures, in a cluster of verses in Hebrews chapters 9 and 10.

The word '**pouring**' is derived from the word '**ekcheo,**' which means '**to pour out.**'

In the form of '**ekcheuno,**' it occurs in Acts 10:45; where it describes the '**pouring out**' of a gift from Holy Spirit in the house of Cornelius.

Also in the form of '**katacheo,**' in Matt. 26:7; & Mark 14:3; it describes how **the Lord Jesus was anointed** by the woman with the alabaster flask of ointment, which was '**poured upon**' His head.

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

None of these words is ever used
with reference to believer's baptism,
nor have they the significance of baptism.

The conclusion is obvious. There is **no linguistic authority**
for regarding either **sprinkling or pouring** as the
baptism about which we read in the New Testament.

Without entering into a prolonged discussion of the origin
and spread of the substitution of sprinkling or pouring
for true baptism, it deserves to be said that both practices
were quite unknown to the early Church.

They were declared to be '**alternative modes**' for baptism
by the Council of Ravenna in the year 1311,
and **neither was normally practised**
in this country until after the Reformation.

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

In 1611, When the King James Version of the Bible was being translated from the original Greek language, the translators were faced with the dilemma of translating this word "**baptizo.**"

Their scholarship told them that the **correct translation** of the word was "**to immerse, to dip, to submerge.**"

However the translators and those who were paying for the translation were of the Church of England which followed the Roman Catholic practice of "**sprinkling.**"

Not wishing to tamper with the scriptures and at the same time **not wishing to contradict** the Church of England practice of sprinkling, the translators **chose not to translate** the word at all, but to introduce the word into the English language straight from the Greek "**baptizo**".

The English word "**baptism**" as a direct transliteration from the Greek word "**baptizo**" which means **to immerse; to submerge; to overwhelm; to dip;**

It has NEVER had the meaning of "**to sprinkle**" or "**pour**" and to use it in such a way would not be helpful e.g. repent and be sprinkled / poured!

In baptism "baptizo" one is submerged, immersed, and then emerges from the water.

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

BIBLICAL-LINGUISTIC EVIDENCE.

Baptizoo (To baptise) Lit –

"to immerse, submerge, overwhelm."

Also used in **Mark 7:4; Luke 11:38**; - "wash."

Baptoō Lit "to dip, dye, colour" Used in **Luke 16:24;**

John 13:26; Revelation 19:13; - "dip."

Baptismos Lit - "the act of cleansing."

Used in **Mark 7:4,8; Hebrew 9:10**; - "washing."

English verb "**baptize**" is a transliteration
(simply, word conversion using the corresponding
letters of one alphabet to another)

of the Greek word "**βαπτίζω**"

"**Baptism**" ← Greek noun *baptisma*.

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

Similarly, '**Amen**' is the transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning "**so be it**" or "**let it be.**" Num 5:22;

In the original language, *baptisma* mainly means '**immersion**' or '**dipping.**'

THE ORIGIN OF SPRINKLING.

That immersion was the method of baptism in Jesus' time is clearly seen in the Bible.

(Acts 8:38; John 3:23; Matthew 3:16; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12;)

The first recorded case of "**sprinkling**" being called baptism is that of the Roman Emperor Novation, 251 AD, who was deemed to be bed-ridden and too ill to receive immersion. Since then, sprinkling became the exception to the rule and was administered to the sick only.

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

However, through the centuries the practice of **"clinical" baptisms, as sprinkling** became known, grew and finally became the normal practice rather than the exception, at the **council of Ravenna in 1311 AD.**

In 1556 a book recording **John Calvin's approval of 'infant sprinkling'** was published in Geneva. It authorised the priest to **'take water in his hand and lay it upon the child's forehead,'** and **'Protestants'** who had fled to Geneva to escape the persecution instigated by Queen Mary, carried this practice back to Scotland in **1559.**

It soon found its way down to **England** during the reign of Elizabeth the First. **(Who, it might be noted, was herself immersed.)**

The MEANING and METHOD of Baptism.

It was not until 1643 that the Westminster Assembly, after prolonged debate, decided on the strength of the casting vote of **Archbishop Lightfoot** who presided over the Assembly, to admit sprinkling as a form of baptism.

It is important to understand that biblical scholars have never denied that immersion is true New Testament baptism.

What these churches did was to introduce sprinkling and pouring as '**permissible alternatives,**' but it is an acknowledged fact that **all biblical scholars agree that the baptism practised by the early Church was, without exception, immersion in water.**

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 1. Baptism of John.

Within the pages of the New Testament we read of **eight** different uses of the word "**baptism.**"

1. Baptism of John. Luke 3:2-6; (Mk 1:4-8;) Matt 21:25;
Baptism of repentance, Mk. 1:4-5;
PREPARING for the King to establish His kingdom.
Lk. 3:3-6; Acts 19:4 (Lk. 1:17;) Acts 18:25-26;
NOT FINAL. Acts 19:1-7;

This was that which was administered
by the prophet John the Baptist, as he came
announcing the coming of the Kingdom of God.

It was **an immersion of**
"repentance unto remission of sins." John 1:25-28;

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 1. Baptism of John.

“And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.” Mark 1:4-5; (NIV)

“After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.” John 3:22-23; (NIV)

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 1. Baptism of John.

7. "But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to be baptized, he denounced them.

"You brood of snakes!" he exclaimed.

"Who warned you to flee God's coming judgment?"

8. Prove by the way you live that you have really turned from your sins and turned to God." Matt 3:7;

This was a **baptism declaring repentance, with a view to receiving the forgiveness of sins** at the coming of the Messiah **whose approach John was proclaiming.** Mark 1:4; and Luke 3:3-6;

This baptism **ceased to be valid when the Christian age began** and baptism was performed **'in the name of Jesus Christ.'** Act 19:1-5;

Those immersed with John's immersion after Pentecost needed to be immersed in the name of Jesus. Acts 19:1-7;

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 2. Baptism of Jesus.

2. Baptism of Jesus:- This was a "one off" event, occurring at the beginning of His ministry.

Matthew 3:13-17;.

It was the will of God for Jesus to be immersed by John the Baptist, even though **Jesus is / was always sinless.**

Jesus said I need to be baptised to fulfill all righteousness. No one could then use the excuse, "I do not need to be baptised because Jesus was not baptised."

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit:- Mark 1:8;

Promised to the apostles.

John 14:16-18; 15:26-27; 16:7-8, 13; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4:

**This was that promised by John the Baptist
to be administered by the Messiah **Matthew 3:11**;
It was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost 33 AD.**

Acts 1:5; 2:3-4;

**This was when the apostles received
the Holy Spirit with power.**

Not an ongoing event, Acts 11:15;

**Here the only thing identical was the gift of tongues,
Cornelius was not guided into truth by inspiration
but by the teaching of Peter.**

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit could not bring to the remembrance of Cornelius all that Jesus had said because Cornelius **never heard Jesus teach.**

This was not **“in the name of Christ”** until after he heard the truth. Acts 2:38; 8:14-17; 10:47-48;

After the Holy Spirit had been **poured out** on the Apostles in Acts 2:1-4;

The Holy Spirit was then available to **all Christians** when they were water baptised they **received the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Rom 1:1-4; **The same Spirit** that raised Christ from the dead and **demonstrated by that acts of power** who Christ truly was, **has come to dwell in us.**

2 Cor 6:16; Eph 2:22;

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 4. Baptism of fire.

4. Baptism of fire:- Matt 3:11;

Judgment / punishment. Matt. 5:22; Mk 9:43-44;

Not part of Holy Spirit baptism. Acts 2:3;

Fruitless trees & chaff. Matt. 3:10, 12; 25:41;

Rev. 20:14-15; 21:8;

This also was promised by John the Baptist, in contrast with immersion in water **Matthew 3:11**;. This has probable reference to the final judgement, **It is spiritual as opposed to Physical.**

But is **also** thought by some to be the judgement imposed on the Jewish nation, carried out by Titus, under Emperor Vespasian in AD. 70; **When Jerusalem was Destroyed.**

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 5. Baptism of suffering.

5. Baptism of suffering:- Mark 10:35-40;
Christ's suffering. Mk. 10:32-34 (Luke. 12:50;)



Apostles shared in this baptism.

Mk. 10:39; 1 Cor. 4:9-13;

Christians are to be willing **to suffer**
for righteousness. 1 Pet. 3:14;

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 5. Baptism of suffering.

Jesus spoke of His **overwhelming afflictions** to which He voluntarily submitted Himself on the cross as a baptism suffering in Luke 12:50;

The term is also used of the sufferings His followers would experience in fellowship with those of Jesus.
Mark 10:38-39;

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 6. Baptism unto Moses.

6. Baptism unto Moses in the cloud and the sea:-

1 Cor 10:1-2; Psa 105:39; Exod 14:19-22;

Relationship formed.

Follow His authority.

Mentioned specifically in **1 Corinthians 10:2**;
Paul describes the experience of the Israelites at the
Exodus. He states that, under the cloud which
overshadowed them and passing through the sea,
they were '**baptised unto Moses.**'

The Israelites' passage through the Red Sea was a **break with their
old life, and a commitment to Moses' leadership and guidance.**

This **typifies Christian immersion**, in that we
Are delivered from the bondage of sin, entering a new life.
We become disciples of Jesus, in Union with Him.

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 7. Baptism for the dead.

7. Baptism for the dead. 1 Cor 15:29;

On account of the dead (ones). 15:13, 15-16, 18-20;
Affirming resurrection, not proxy baptism. 15:29-34;

There were people at Corinth
who were **denying** the possibility of resurrection:-
(thus, **denying the resurrection of Christ Himself.**)

Their baptism, therefore,
**was a 'baptism on behalf of a dead Christ'.
which was of no value to anyone.**

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism .

8. Christian baptism is the one we are all familiar with.

This is an immersion in water of a penitent believer for the remission of sins and for the receiving of the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

First case of it is seen in Acts 2:38-42; see also Acts 22:16; etc.

It was what was commanded by Jesus as part of His great commission and what the carried out and taught in the early church.

Therefore is that which should still be carried out today.

Christ's baptism

and

Christian baptism

- 1. Immersion in water**
Mark 1:10; John 3:23;
- 2. Fulfill all Righteousness**
Matt 3:15;
- 3. Godhead present**
Matt 3:16;
- 4. God acknowledges Christ as Son** Matt 3:17;

- 1. Immersion in water**
Mark 1:10; John 3:23;
- 2. Forgiveness of sins & receive the Holy Spirit.**
Matt 28:19; Acts 2:38;
Gal 4:6;
- 3. Godhead present**
Matt 28:19;
- 4. Paul says we are sons**
Gal 3:26-27;

Jesus although He knew no sin consented to take His place among sinners in the act of being baptized.

That we through the obedient act of being baptized may take our place with God.

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism.
To understand the whole concept of baptism into Christ, we need to look at scriptures throughout the gospels, in the book of Acts, the Epistles, and personal letters, so we can grasp the overall meaning.

We'll also look at the relationship of baptism to other biblical concepts like faith and repentance.

The reason why many people misunderstand baptism is found in their failure to see the difference between:-

Misunderstanding of context.

Jesus PROMISE to the Apostles of the Holy Spirit coming into the world to guide them into all truth and empower them for their mission.

Mark 9:1; Luke 24:46-49; John 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-4;

The Spiritual gifts of POWER

given as the HOLY SPIRIT WILLS. Acts 10 44-48;

Or by the LAYING ON of the Apostles hands.

Acts 8:13-24; Acts 19:1-7;

Jesus COMMISSION in which

He COMMANDS us to BAPTISE people.

Matt 28:19-20; Acts 2:36-42; 22:16; Gal 3:26-29;

The Spirit we receive Who indwell us at our new birth, / baptism.

Acts 2:38; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph 2:22;

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism.

Baptism INTO Christ.

Baptism of the Great Commission.

**Water Baptism commanded
to be done by men to others.**

Matt. 28:19; Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:3-4;

**Based on Christ's authority to bring us
into a NEW Relationship with Christ.**

Matt 18:19-20;

Brings SEPARATION from bondage of sin.

Rom 6:1-6;

An act of submission and obedience

We need to learn from Israel's mistakes.

1 Cor 10:5-6, 11; (Gal 5:4; Heb 4:6, 11;)

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism.

Who needs to be baptised?

All who want salvation.

Mk. 16:15; Acts 2:21, 37-39, 47;

WHY do we need to be baptised?

We are sinners who are in need of rescue.

Jesus has commanded it.

**Baptism is where God has decreed
that Jesus blood becomes effective
to wash away our sins.**

**To have forgiveness of our sins and to
receive the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit.**

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism.

Prerequisites. (That which is required before hand.)

We need to HEAR about the Grace of God revealed through the gospel. John 3:16-17; God has done for us what we could not do for ourselves.

We need to BELIEVE / TRUST that God is willing to forgive us if we accept His terms and conditions of salvation through the blood of Jesus.

In faithful obedience we put our trust in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism.

We need to be prepared to repent of our sins and change our direction of both thoughts and actions back to serving the living God.

We need to be prepared to **Confess our belief in the grace of God revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus as the only way to deal with our sins and renew our relationship with God Acts 4:12;**

Based upon our understanding of all of the above we are then ready **to submit our lives to Christ by being buried with Him **in baptism** in order **to allow His blood to cleanse us** from our sins that we might rise to walk a new life. Rom 6:1-6;**

The VALIDITY of Baptism. 8. Christian baptism.

**The result of our FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE
TO THE COMMANDS OF THE CHRIST?**

**We will have identified ourselves with the death
burial and resurrection of Christ.**

We will have found Salvation in Christ.

**We will have the forgiveness of our past sins
By being washed by His blood.**

We will have entered into a relationship with Jesus.

**We will have been added by Him to His body
the church, the kingdom, the family of God.**

Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Cor 12:13; 1 Pet 2:9-10;

The meaning of Baptism into Christ.

Matt 3:11; “I baptize you with water for repentance.

But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

John 3:5-7; “Jesus answered, I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, **You must be born again.”**

The meaning of Baptism into Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13; “For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

Acts 8:12-13; “But when they **believed** Philip as he preached **the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ,** they were **baptized,** both men and women. **Simon himself believed and was baptized.** And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.”

Acts 2:38; (NIV)

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

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Baptism and Repentance.

Acts 2:38; “Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Remember that Jesus in Luke 13:1-7; Emphazised the need of repentance to those Jews who wanted to be in a right relationship with God.

“I tell you, no: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.”

Baptism and Salvation.

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given **complete authority** in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, **go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Teach these new disciples to **obey all the commands** I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt 28:18-20;

Mark 16:16 (NIV) John 3:36;

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

“This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Pet 3:21;

Baptism and salvation and union.

Romans 6:3-4; (NIV)

“Or do you not know that **all of us** who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized into His death**? We were therefore **buried with Him** through **baptism into death** in order that, just as **Christ was raised** from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live** a new life.”

Galatians 3:27; (NIV)

“For **all of you** who were **baptized into Christ** have **clothed yourselves with Christ.**”

The meaning of Baptism into Christ.

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27 “Clearly, all of you who were baptized in Christ's name have clothed yourselves with Christ.” GWT

Baptism and Salvation.

Often today you will hear it said that the **ONE baptism** that **Ephesians 4:5;** refers to is the **baptism in or by the Holy Spirit.** And that many of the references to baptism in other places **means Holy Spirit baptism.**

This overlooks that fact that **Holy Spirit baptism something given by PROMISE, NOT COMMAND.**

It is something that the bible describes as being given as the Holy Spirit wills.

Man is not involved in passing out this gift.

Baptism and Salvation.

So to claim that this baptism of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus describes in His commission and which is found in most New Testament passages as **by Command**.

Matt 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;

It is something that the **apostles** and **WE** as servants of Christ **are COMMANDED to DO to others**. Teaching people and baptising them and **continuing to teach them**.

This **Baptism in Eph 4** is not Holy Spirit Baptism it fulfils none of the criteria of Holy Spirit baptism.
It is obviously immersion in water.

NOT FAITH ALONE. NOR GRACE ALONE. NOTHING ALONE.

Things the Bible teaches save us.

Eph 2:5; Saved by Grace.

Rom 8:33; God Justifies. (saved by God;)

Rom 5:1; Justified by faith.

(God the originator of our salvation.)

1 Cor 15:1-4; The Gospel. Rom 1:16;

(Gods power to save.)

Rom 5:9; Justified by Jesus blood.

Acts 2:36-37; Repentance and Baptism.

Acts 16:31; Believe on the Lord.

Gal 2:27; justified in Christ.

NOT FAITH ALONE. NOR GRACE ALONE. NOTHING ALONE.

Things the Bible teaches save us.

Acts 2:21; Calling on the name of the Lord.

Rom 5 10; Justified by Christ's life.

Rom 5:9; Justified by Christ's blood.

James 2:24; Works.

Acts 11:14; Words by which we shall be saved.

1Pet 3:21; Baptism.

Acts 2:21; Saved by calling.

Rom 3:24; Gods Grace = Phil 2:7-8; Heb 2:9;

James 1:21; The word.

Rom 10:10; Confession.

Titus 3:5; Regeneration.

Rev 2:10; Remaining Faithful.

NOT FAITH ALONE. NOR GRACE ALONE. NOTHING ALONE.

Things the Bible teaches save us.

In Grace salvation is originated.

Through the Gospel salvation is offered.

Faith how salvation is appropriated.

Through the Blood salvation is procured.

Baptism how salvation is applied.

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.

Jesus said I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture..”

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.” John 10:9,11;

It is said that the simplest words carry the deepest meaning.

We can but marvel at the simplicity of these words of the Lord Jesus, they are simple but profound!

And why? surely the answer is to be found in the words of Nicodemus,

“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” John 3:2;

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.

A teacher come from God, He is the one who can bring us, in all fullness to God, for He has the knowledge of the ultimate purposes of His Father for us, and is well able to bring us to the paths of life, which will be a source of rich blessing, if we listen and follow.

"Never man spoke like this man." John 7:46;.

"This man, came into the world for a purpose, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim 1:15; (R.S.V.).

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

**"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
Mark 2:17; (R.S.V.)**

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.

Paul says in Romans 5:12,18-19;

"Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned."

v12 "Then as one man's trespass

led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life

for all men"v18. "For as by one Man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous."

v19 "SO ONE MANS ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS TO ACQUITTAL AND LIFE FOR ALL MEN.

SO BY ONE MAN'S OBEDIENCE MANY WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS."

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.

So the price was paid,

"The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep".

It is well that we remind ourselves,
we are not saved by our own righteousness.

If we turn the searchlight of God's word inward,
we shall conclude our examination,
with the words of the prophet. **"All we like sheep
have gone astray."** Isaiah 53:6.

After a period of self examination that
mighty man of God, the Apostle Paul said:-

**"We know that the law is spiritual:
but I am carnal, sold under sin."** Rom 7:14;

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.

In the light of God's most precious word, who can stand, who dare stand, before God with his own goodness, with his own righteousness? Not me Isaiah said: **"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment."** Isa 64:6;

The Apostle Peter said: **"You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."** 1 Peter 1:18-19;

Where can we go? again the Apostle Peter gives us the answer: **"Lord, to whom shall we go?"**

You have the words of eternal life;
and **we have believed**, and have come to know,
that **you are the Holy One of God."** John 6:68-69;

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.
**“I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER
IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED”**
“BY ME.....BY ME.....BY ME.”

**“One door and only one and yet its sides are two,
the inside and outside on which side are you?
One door and only one and yet its sides are two
The best side is inside on which side are you?”**

**THE DOOR: "I am the door: by me if any man enter
in, he shall be saved." John 10:9;**
**AN OPEN DOOR, "Come unto me, all ye that labour
and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28;**

Things that save? JESUS SAVES.

A WIDE DOOR:- “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that thirsts come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” Revelation 22:17;

A SAFE DOOR:- “All that the father gives me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37;

HIS LIFE:- “Much more then, being now **justified by his blood, we shall be saved** from wrath through him.” For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son,** much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by his life.**” Romans 5:9-10;

Things that save? **THE GOSPEL SAVES.**

Perfect Salvation. We Are Saved By:-

THE GOSPEL:- “**MOREOVER, Brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you,**”

“**which also you have received, and wherein you stand; By which also you are saved,** if you keep in memory what **I preached** unto you, unless **you have believed** in vain.” 1 Cor. 15:1-2;

Things that save? **GRACE SAVES.**

Perfect Salvation. We Are Saved By:-

GRACE:- "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace you are saved**)." **Ephes 2:4-5;**

1Pet 5:12; "This is the **TRUE GRACE** of God, in which you '**STAND**'". The word '**STAND**' is an **IMPERATIVE:- NOT** a Request - a Suggestion, or Appeal or Proposition.

It is AN ORDER... A COMMAND! STAND!

2 Pet 3:18; “ ‘GROW’ in Grace and in the knowledge.”
Like good compost in which plants grow.

**Rom 3:24; "We are "Justified FREELY
by His GRACE."**

**Rom 5:2; "BY FAITH we have ACCESS INTO
THIS GRACE in which we stand."**

**Rom 5:15; "MUCH MORE the GRACE OF GOD,
and the GIFT of GRACE."**

Rom 5:17; "the ABUNDANCE of GRACE."

**Eph 2: 8-10; "For by GRACE you are saved,
through faith."**

Eph 2:7; "The EXCEEDING RICHES of His grace

Jas 4:6; "He gives MORE grace."

Lit. "A greater grace."

Things that save? HEARING the gospel.
Hearing :- “Yet faith comes from listening
to this message of good news,
the Good News about Christ.” Rom 10:17;

"It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL
BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has **heard** and
learned from the Father, comes to Me.” John 6:45;

He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home
and had told him, “Send messengers to Joppa
to find Simon Peter. He will TELL YOU how you
and all your household WILL BE SAVED!” Acts 11:13-14;

Things that save? HEARING the gospel.

"Then he told me, 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and HEAR him speak.

You are to take HIS MESSAGE everywhere, telling the whole world what you have seen and HEARD."

Acts 22:14-15;

Things that save? **FAITH SAVES.**

FAITH:- “For **by grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.” Eph 2:8-9;

Not everyone welcomes the Good News,
for Isaiah the prophet said:-

“**Lord, who has believed our message?**” Yet **FAITH** comes from listening to this message of good news, **the Good News about Christ.**” Rom 10:16-17;

“**So, you see, it is impossible to please God without FAITH.** Anyone who wants to come to him **must BELIEVE** that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” Heb 11:6;

Things that save? FAITH SAVES.

“He made no distinction between us and them, for he also cleansed their hearts through FAITH.”

Acts 15:9;

“This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven, makes us right in God's sight, when we put our FAITH and TRUST in Christ to save us. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scripture says it, `The man who finds life will find it through TRUSTING God.”

Rom 1:17;

Things that save? **BELIEVING SAVES.**

Believing:- John 3:15-18; “So that everyone who BELIEVES in me will have eternal life.”

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who BELIEVES in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.”

“Anyone who BELIEVES and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to BELIEVE will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16;

“And all who BELIEVE in God's Son have eternal life. Those who don't obey the Son will never experience eternal life, but the wrath of God remains upon them.” John 3:36;

Things that save? **BELIEVING SAVES.**

"There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But **those who do not trust him** have already been judged **for not BELIEVING in the only Son of God.**"

"He brought them out and asked,

"Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**"

They replied, "**BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved**, along with your entire household."

"Then **they shared the word of the Lord with him and all who lived in his household. That same hour the jailer washed their wounds, and he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized.**"

Acts 16:30-34;

Things that save? **REPENTANCE SAVES.**

Repentance:- “Not at all! And don't you realize that you also will perish unless you leave your evil ways and turn to God?” Luke 13 1-7;

“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 you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38;

“Now **CHANGE** your mind and attitude to God and **TURN TO HIM** so he can cleanse away your sins and send you wonderful times of refreshment from the presence of the Lord.” Acts 3:19;

Things that save? REPENTANCE SAVES.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that **all should come to REPENTANCE.” 2 Peter 3:9;**

“Don't you realize how kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see how kind he has been in **giving you TIME TO TURN from your sin?” Rom 2:4;**

Things that save? CONFESSING CHRIST SAVES.

Confess Jesus is Lord:- Rom 10:8-11; “For salvation that comes from trusting Christ, **which is what we preach**, is already within easy reach of each of us; in fact, it is as near as our own hearts and mouths.”

“For if you **TELL OTHERS with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**”

“For it is by **believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he (CONFESSING) TELLS OTHERS of his faith, confirming his desire for salvation.**

For the Scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed.”

Things that save? **CONFESSING CHRIST SAVES.**

Confess Jesus is Lord:- 1 Timothy 6:12; “Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made **the good CONFESION** in the presence of many witnesses.”

“As they rode along, they came to a small body of water, and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! **Why can't I be baptized?**” “**You can,**” Philip answered, “**if you BELIEVE with all your heart.**”

“And the eunuch replied,
“**I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**”
He stopped the chariot, and they went down into the water and **Philip baptized him.**” Acts 8:36-38;
We call this the good **confession.**

Things that save? **BAPTISM SAVES.**

BAPTISM:- 1 Pet 3:21; "The like figure whereunto even **BAPTISM** does **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."

RENEWAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:-

"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 Spirit!" Tit 3:5;

Things that save? **CALLING ON HIS NAME.**

CALLING ON HIS NAME:- Acts 2:21;

“And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall CALL on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever **SHALL CALL on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Rom 5:1:21;**

Things that save? **WORD OF GOD SAVES.**

THE WORD:- Jam 1:21-22; “So **get rid of all that is wrong in your life**, both inside and outside, and **humbly be glad for the WONDERFUL MESSAGE we have received,**”

“for IT IS ABLE TO SAVE OUR SOULS as it takes hold of our hearts.

And remember, it is a MESSAGE TO OBEY, not just to listen to. So don't fool yourselves.”

Let us look at how people were saved and added to the family of God in Acts.

<u>Conversions in Acts.</u>	Heard	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptised
Acts 2:36-41; Pentecost.	Yes		Yes		Yes
Acts 4:4; Five thousand.	Yes	Yes			
Acts 8:5-13 Philip in Samaria	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 8:26-40; The Eunuch.	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Acts 9:1-19; Saul to Paul	Yes				Yes
Acts 10:1-48; 1st Gentiles.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 11:19-21; Greeks.		Yes	Yes		
Acts 13:6-12; Proconsul.	Yes	Yes			
Acts 14:1; Jews/Greeks.	Yes	Yes			
Acts 16:12-16; Lydia.	Yes				Yes
Acts 16:16-33; Jailer.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 18:8; Crispus & others.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 19:1-7; Other People.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 22:1-16; Paul's story.	Yes	Yes			Yes

Why we need baptism.

- The example of Christ.** (Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21;)
- The commission of Jesus.** (Matthew 28:19-20;)
- To respond to Jesus Commands.** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38;)
- To be washed in the Blood.** (1 Jn 1:7; Rev 1:5; 1Pet 1:19;)
- To be forgiven of our sins.** (Acts 2:38; Rom 6:4-6;)
- To receive gift of the indwelling Spirit.** (Acts 2:38; 1Cor 12:13;)
- To be born again in union with Christ.** (John 3:3-5; Rom 6:3-4;)
- To be added to His family /body / church.** (Acts 2:47; 1Cor 12;)



The Heart Changes.

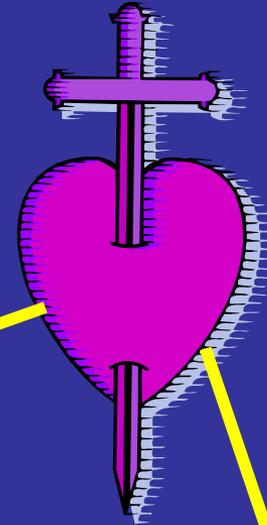


Acts 2:37;

“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?’”**

***Believing what they “heard”
affected their “heart.”***

The Heart Changes.



“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.’ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and **he baptized him**”

BELIEVE THEN BAPTIZE.

Baptism Cannot change your life.

Baptism **changes** your spiritual life
and **your status and relationship with God.**

It will not **make your physical life any healthier**
baptized believers often feared
for their life in New Testament.

It will not **necessarily make your social life any fuller,**
you may become an outcast.

It will not **necessarily make your political life**
any stronger, some were even unwilling
to confess Christ. **John. 12:42-43;**

Baptism Cannot change your life.

It will not necessarily make your business life any more successful being a Christian may create extra bonds, promotions may have to be crucified.

It will not make your academic life any easier. It will not necessarily make your family life any smoother. (Matthew 10:34-38;)

Baptism CANNOT.

Remove temptation from your life.

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires.” James 1:14; Jesus’ example. Matthew 3:13; 4:11; Hebrews 4:15;

Cannot prevent All Wrongs.

Simon sinned grievously after he was baptized.

Acts 8:13, 18-23;

Peter & Barnabas.

Galatians 2:11-14;

Paul had to continually discipline his body.

1 Corinthians 9:27;

Baptism CANNOT.

Cannot permanently secure eternal life.

The bible does **NOT** teach

“once saved, always saved.”

The bible exhorts baptized believers to work out their own salvation. (Philippians 2:12; 3:11-12,14;)

The bible is full of warnings about departing.

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.” Heb 3:12;

It is a warning to “brethren.”

**It is a warning to brethren who
may have an “evil heart.”**

It is a warning to brethren who may depart.

Baptism CANNOT.

**Give life to the living. (saved,)
but only to the dead. (Lost.)**

Saved people do not get baptized!
sinners get baptized to obtain salvation.

Forgiven people do not get baptized!
Baptized people get forgiven. (Colossians 2:12- 13;)

Living people do not get buried!
Likewise, saved people do not get baptized.



To have the hope of eternal life:-

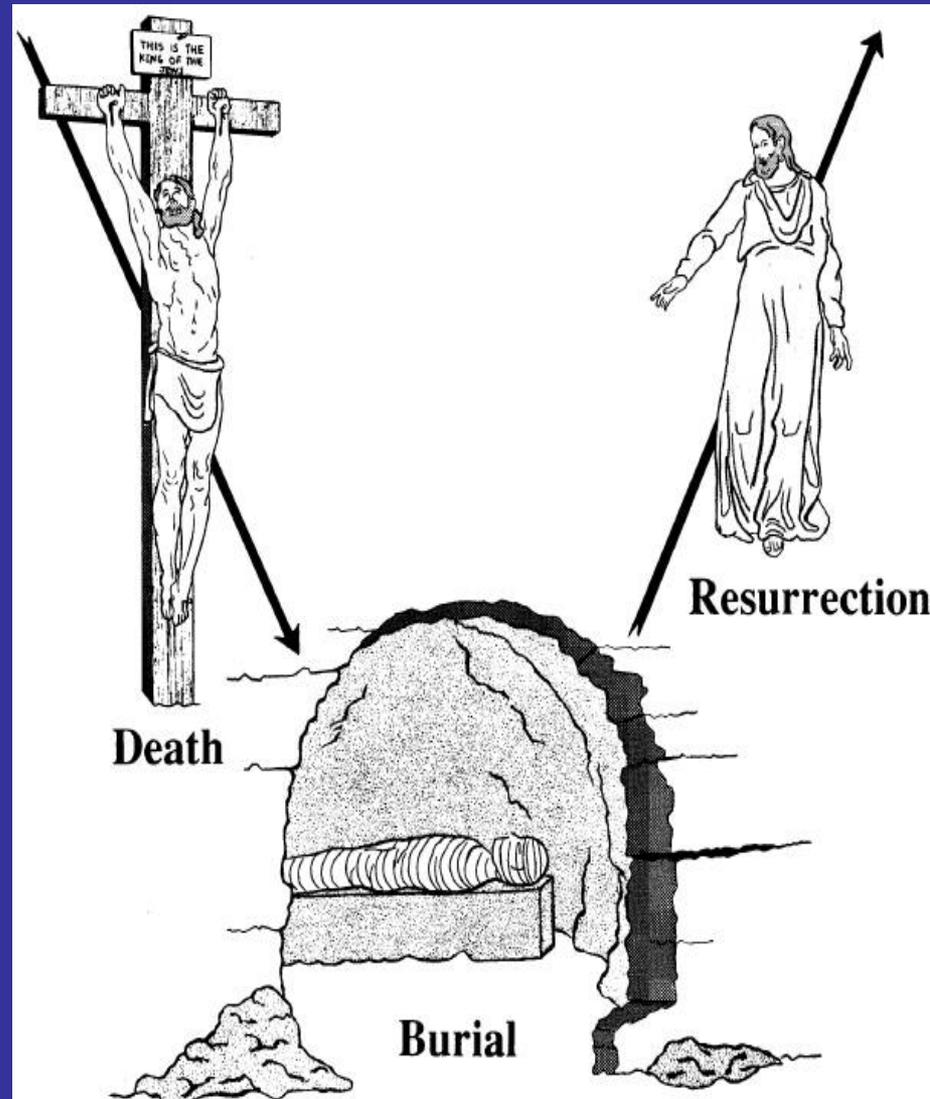
We need to **BELIEVE** what Jesus did for us.

He **DIED** for our sins.

He **was** BURIED.

He **was** RAISED.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4;



“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;”

Gospel Enacted

Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus the Christ
with, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man



Death



“and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

“And that he was buried.”

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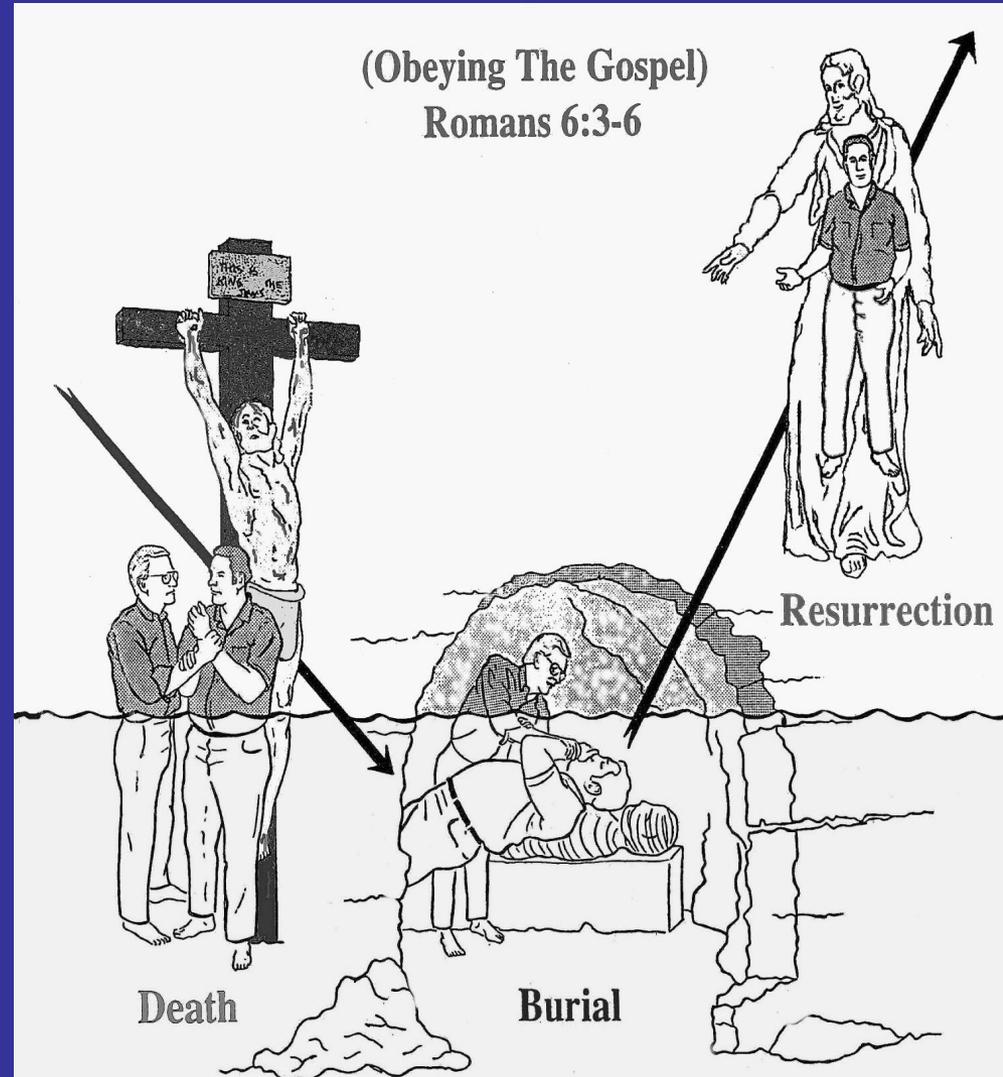
We need to **DIE** with Jesus.

Be **BURIED** with Him in Baptism.

We need to be **UNITED** with Him.

We will be **RAISED** like Him.

Romans 6:3-4;

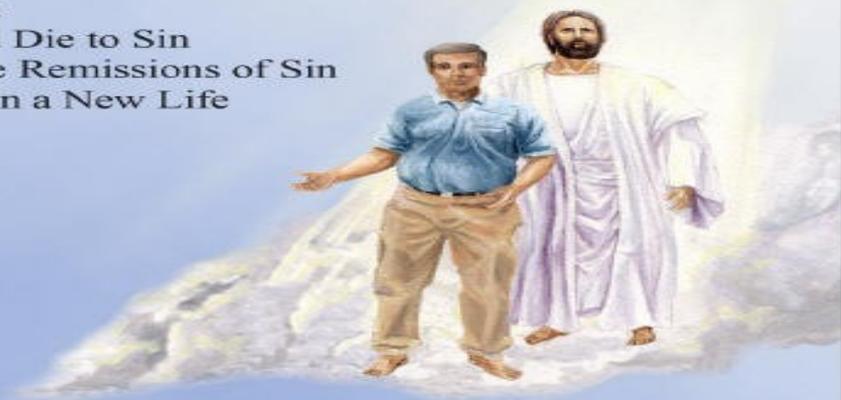


“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”

“that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father;”

Gospel
in Bapt
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Romans

In Baptism
We Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
We are Buried in Water for the Remissions of Sin
We are Raised to Walk in a New Life



Dead to Sin

“even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death.”



Romans 6:3-6;

Baptism

*united together
in the likeness
of His Death.*

(6:5;)

“our old
man was
Crucified.”
(6:6;)

DEATH

RESURRECTION

BURIAL

“we also shall
be in the
likeness
of His
Resurrection.”
(6:5;)

“raised with
Him through
faith.”

Colossians
2:12;

“buried with Him through baptism.” (6:4;)

The Great Commission

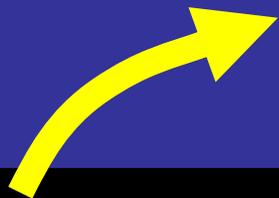
	<i>Man's Response</i>		<i>Result</i>
Matthew 28:19		Baptizing	Make Disciples
Mark 16:16	Believe	+ Baptized	Saved
Luke 24:47		Repentance	Remission of Sins
Acts 2:38	(Believe)	Repent & Be Baptized for	Remission of Sins

Baptism moves us Into Christ.

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

(Galatians 3:26-27;)

Outside Christ.



“IN CHRIST.”



Baptism places us in Contact With The Blood of Christ.

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

(Romans 6:3;)



“Into Death.”

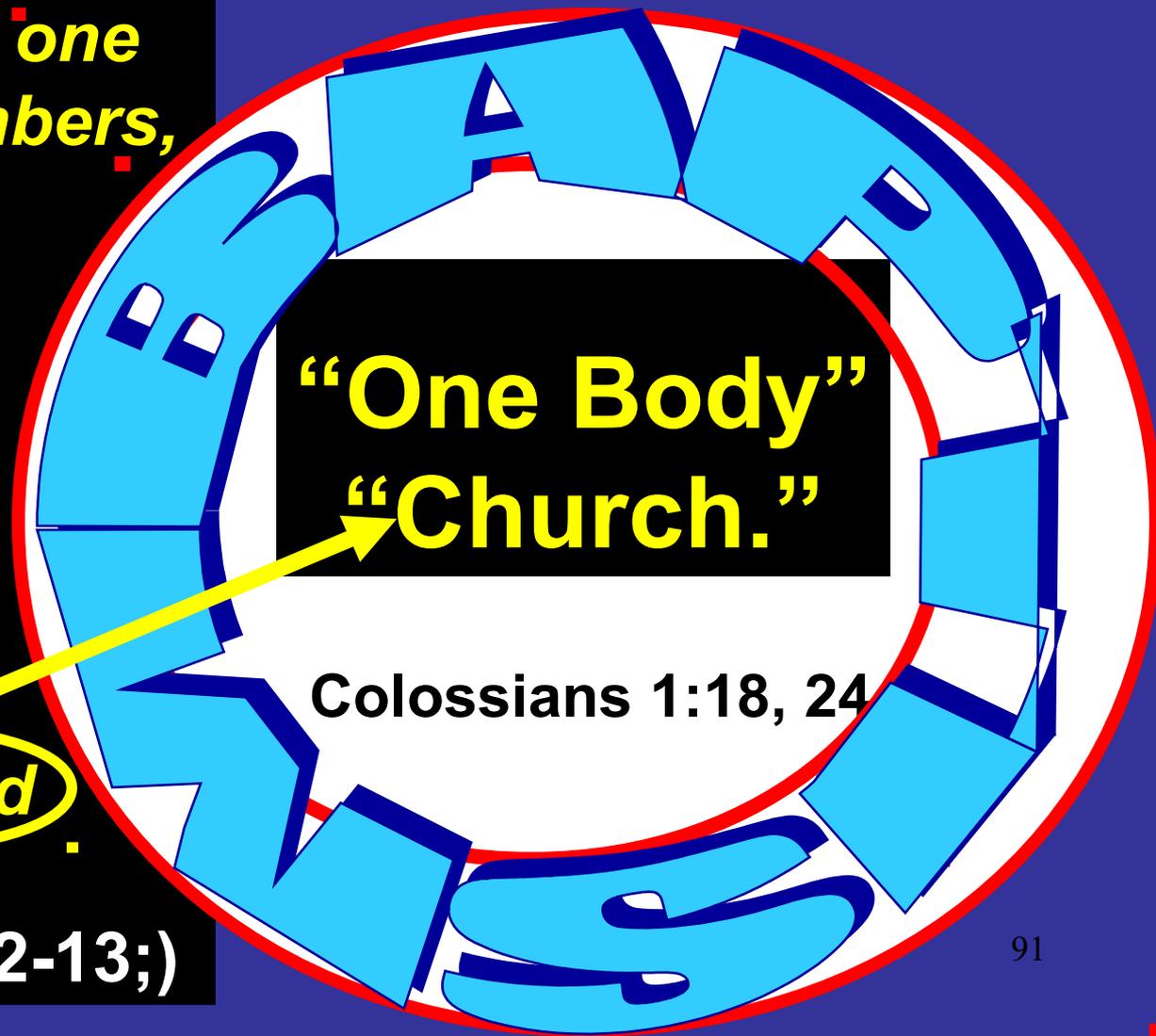
**Christ shed His
blood in His death.**

John 19:33-34;

Through the BLOOD of JESUS, Baptism adds us Into The “One Body.”

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.”

(1 Corinthians 12:12-13;)



**Jesus at our Baptism cleanses us from sin
through his blood and saves our soul.**

Places us into Christ where salvation is.

(2 Tim 2:10;)

Places us into Christ's death where

His saving blood was shed. (John 19:33-34;)

Baptism Washes away our sin. (Acts 22:16;)

Baptism Sets free from sin. (Romans 6:17-18;)

**Jesus at our Baptism cleanses us from sin
through his blood and saves our soul.**

Turning point from sin to salvation.

Acts 2:38; 3:19 (22:16;)

Convert yourself. *Acts 3:19 (9:35; 11:21;)*

Action of obedient faith. *James 2:18, 24;*

Sinner's obedient response to the gospel.

Acts 17:4; 2:40-41; 1 Thessalonians 1:9;

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.

Jesus at our Baptism cleanses us from sin & saves our soul.

“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” 1 Peter 3:21

Baptism Saves!

Baptism has nothing to do with a physical cleansing.

Baptism is an answer of a good conscience.

Baptism is something done “toward God.”

Jesus at our Baptism cleanses us from sin through his blood and saves our soul.

“(That, by the way, is what baptism pictures for us):-

In baptism we show that we have been saved from death and doom by the resurrection of Christ; not because our bodies are washed clean by the water, but because in being baptized we are turning to God and asking him to cleanse our hearts from sin.” 1 Peter 3:21;

**The Power In Baptism Is Not The Water,
But Through The Death and
The Resurrection of JESUS.**

To say that baptism is NOT necessary is to cast an insult upon the resurrection!

IMPORTANT QUESTION

AT WHAT POINT ARE SINS FORGIVEN?

Washed in the BLOOD

SINS FORGIVEN
RECEIVE
INDWELLING
HOLY SPIRIT

SAVED

NEW MAN
(REBORN IN
CHRIST)

be baptized
confess
repent

believe

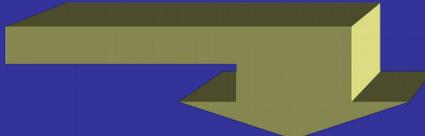
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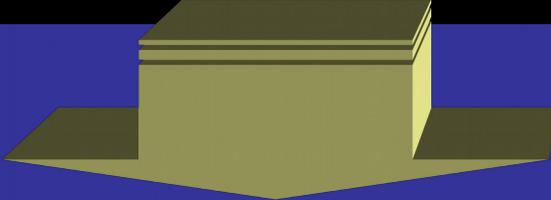
OLD MAN
(LOST IN SIN)

Saved by God's Grace
Through the Blood of Jesus

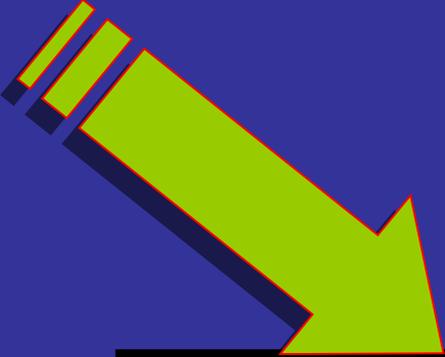
Galatians 3:24;



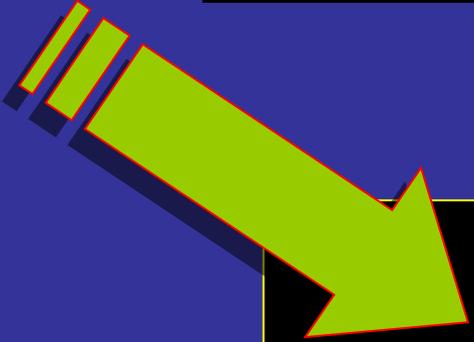
OLD LAW.



TEACHER.



TO BRING US TO CHRIST.



**THAT WE MIGHT BE
JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.**

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH. Gal 3:22-26;

22 "But the scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the

promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe...

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.

The fundamental question
of justification is:-

When? or How?

At what point does God view me
as justified by faith?
As a son of God by faith?

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH. Galatians 3:22-27;

22 *But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe...*

24 *Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.*

25 *But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*

26 *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

27 *For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*



Reconciliation.

NOT GUILTY!
RIGHTEOUS.

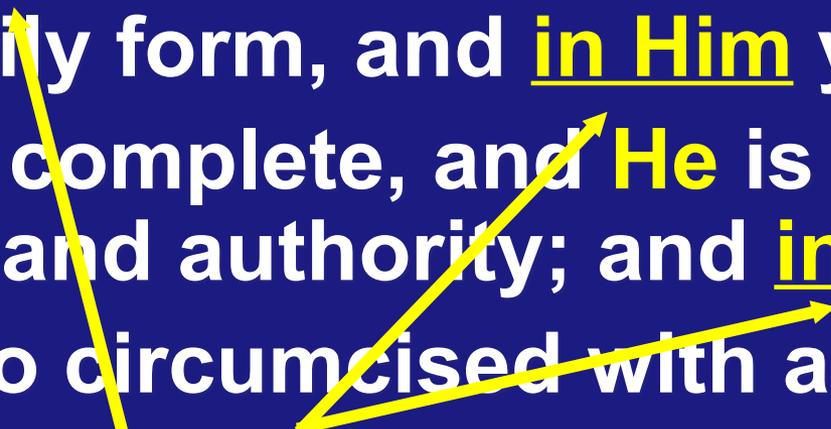
Justification.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.

...being justified
as a gift
by His grace
through the redemption
which is in Christ Jesus;
(Romans 3:24;)

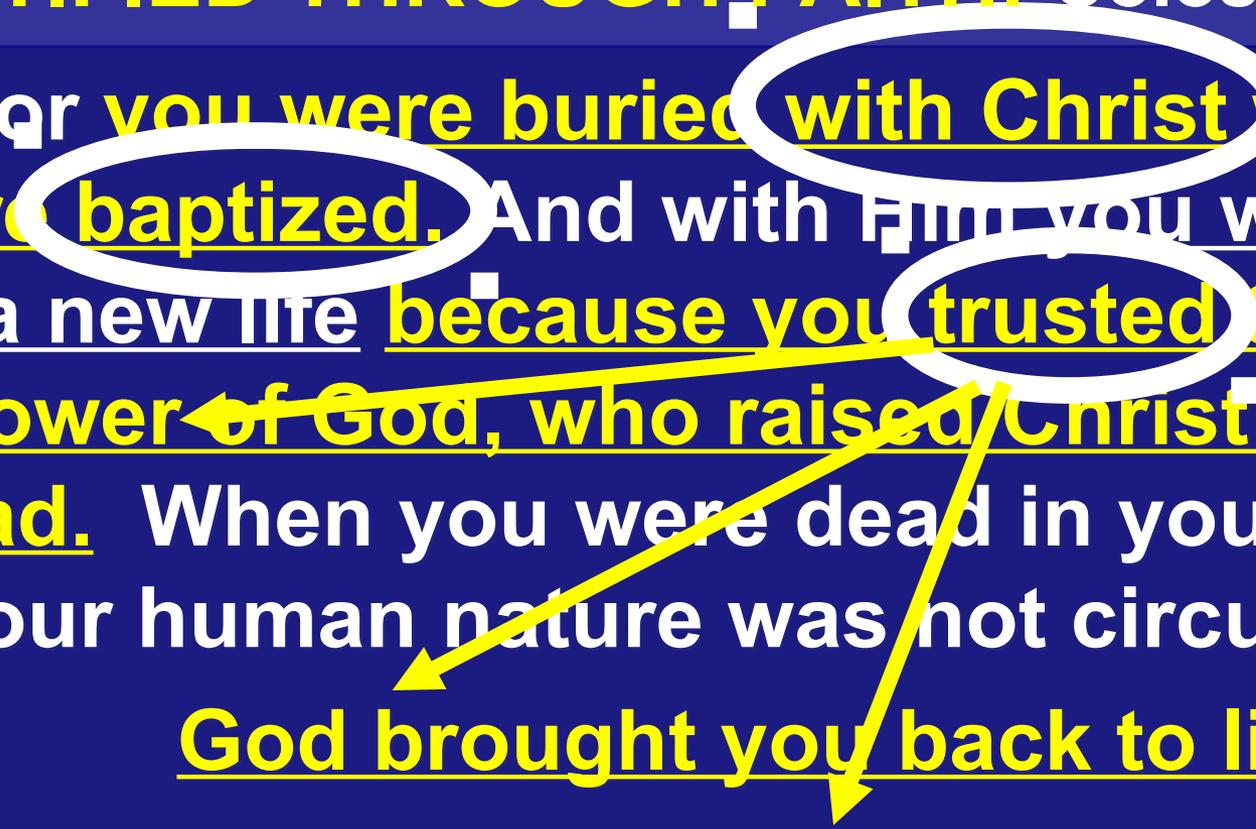
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“For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and your human nature was not circumcised, God brought you back to life with Christ. He forgave all of our sins.”



But by *His doing* you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and **righteousness** and **sanctification**, and **redemption**. 1 Cor 1:30;

JUSTIFIED THROUGH YOUR FAITH IN
THE POWER OF GOD AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

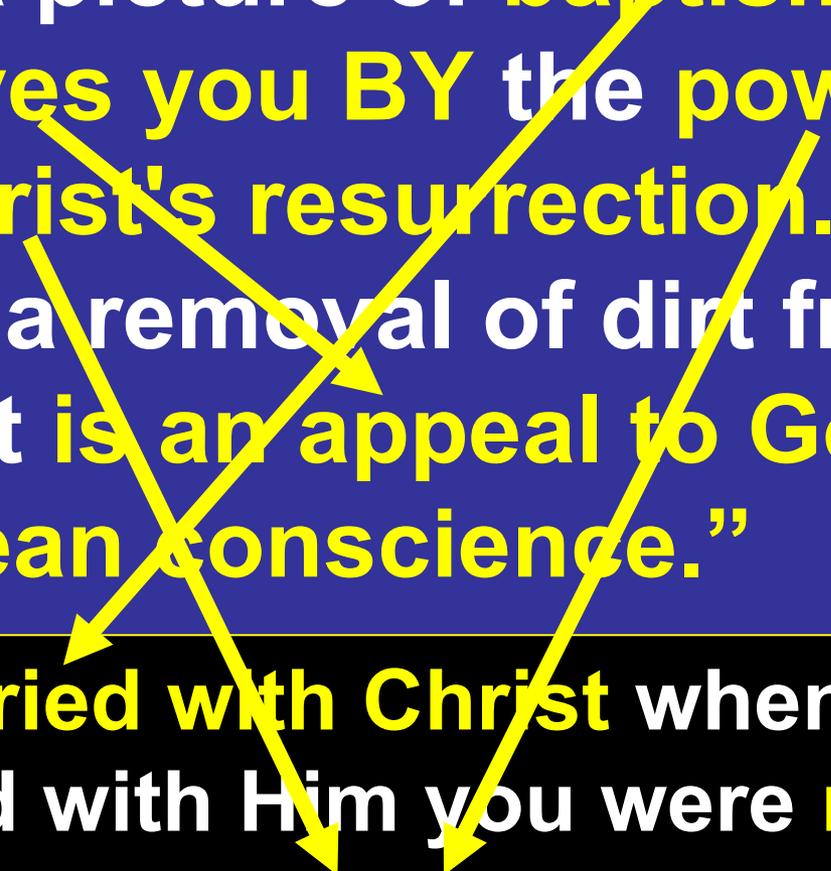
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Colossians 2.9-13;

We are ~~baptized~~ **BECAUSE WE
HAVE FAITH IN / WE TRUST IN
THE MIGHT POWER OF GOD.**

Baptism **Saves** You. 1 Peter 3:21;

“And this is a picture of **baptism**, which now **saves you BY** the power of **Jesus Christ's resurrection**. **Baptism** is not a removal of dirt from your body; it is an **appeal to God from a clean conscience.**”



“For you were **buried with Christ** when you were **baptized**. And with Him you were **raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God**, who raised Christ from the dead.” Colossians 2:12;

“buried with Him in baptism”
“through faith”
“when you were dead”
“made you alive”

Colossians 2
parallel to **Romans 6.**

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE



“canceled out the certificate of debt”
“having nailed it to the cross”



F.F. Bruce on Baptism and Faith.

“In apostolic times **baptism** appears to have followed *immediately* on **confession of faith in Christ.**”

“The repeated accounts of **baptism in Acts** give ample proof of this.
What is expressly related in Acts is implied in the Epistles.”

“Faith in Christ was an essential element in baptism, for without it, the application of water, even accompanied by the appropriate words, would not have been Christian baptism.”

Washing - The Figure of Baptism.

Acts 22:16; 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'



(Rev 1:5) ... to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

(1 Corinthians 6:11) Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.



Creating a Holy People, His Church.

Ephesians 5:25-27;

“Husbands, love your wives,
just as Christ also loved the church
and *gave Himself up for her,*
so that *He might sanctify her,*”

HOW?

“having cleansed her by the washing of water
with the word, that He might present to
Himself the church in all her glory,
having *no spot or wrinkle or any such thing;*
but that she would be *holy and blameless.*”

Things SEEN TOGETHER In Titus 3:4-8;

Love (v4;)

Baptism (v5;)

Christ's Blood (v6;)

Grace (v7;)

Obedient Faith (v8; – “pisteuo”)

Here are “love,” “grace,” “baptism,”

“Christ's blood,” and “faith,”

in the **SAME** passage!

You cannot separate these from salvation.

Here we see them **all involved in our salvation!**

Saved by the Washing of Regeneration. Titus 3:5;

3. We also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for us appeared,

5 He saved us, *not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*

6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

7 so that being *justified by His grace* we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Baptism is Not A Work Of Merit. Titus 3:5;

NOT:-

A Work Of Merit

**“Not by works
of righteousness
which we have done...”**

BUT Baptism is:-

**“... According to His
mercy He saved us,
by the washing
of regeneration,
and renewing
of the Holy Spirit.”**

The Blood Of Christ & Baptism.

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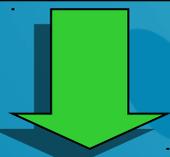
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INTO

**DEAD
MAN**



**CRUCIFIED
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United with Christ in the
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(Relationship with
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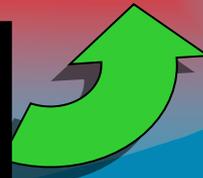


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*...God has chosen you from the beginning for **salvation** through **sanctification** by the Spirit and **faith in the truth**.*

2 Thes. 2:13 (see also 1 Pet. 1:2)



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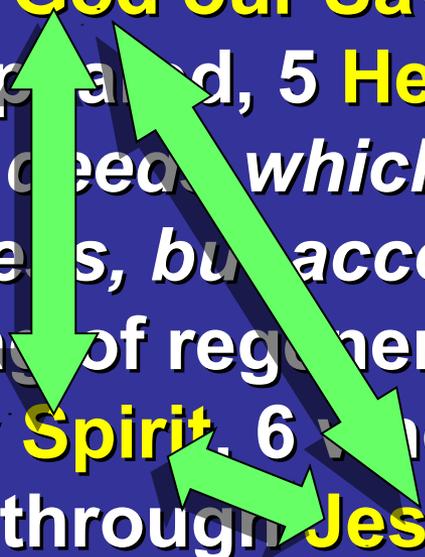
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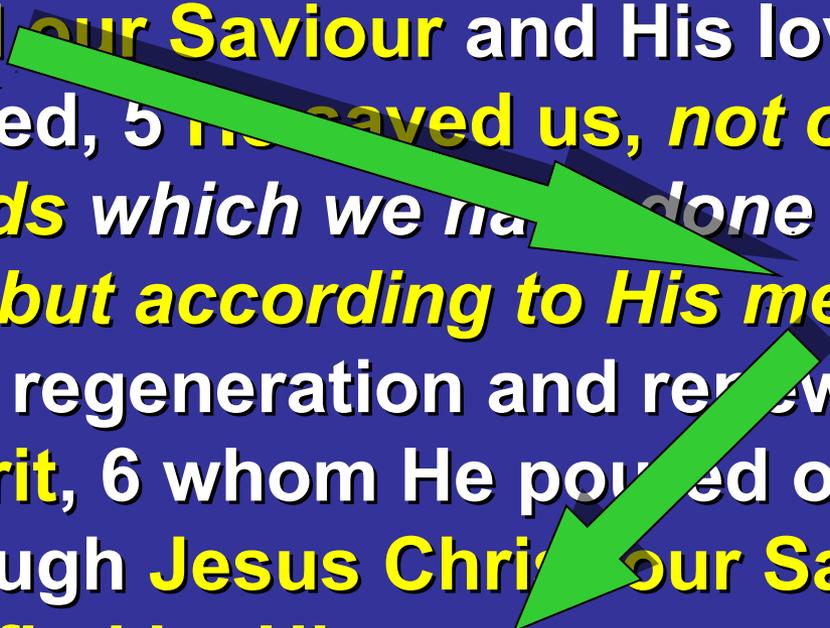
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What Changes What?

FAITH. → **C** → **HEART.**

REPENTANCE. → **H
A** → **LIFESTYLE.**

CONFESSION. → **N** → **ALLEGIANCE.**

BAPTISM. → **G
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S** → **RELATIONSHIP**

“Baptized Into Jesus Christ”

BEFORE BAPTISM

ALIEN SINNERS

WATER

AFTER BAPTISM

CHILDREN OF GOD



BLOOD

WENT

DOWN

INTO

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UP

OUT OF

GAL. 3:27

“BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST”

ROM. 6:3-6

— LOST AND UNDONE —

— IN WHOM WE HAVE —

Understanding Darkened. . . . Eph. 4:18

Redemption Thru Blood Eph. 1:7

All Have Sinned Rom. 3:23

Forgiveness of Sins Col. 1:14

None Righteous Rom. 3:10

Eternal Salvation 2 Tim. 2:10

Without God in the World. . . . Eph. 2:12

Reconciliation in Body Eph. 2:16

Alienated and Enemies Col. 1:21

Sealed by Holy Spirit. Eph. 1:13

Having No Hope Eph. 2:12

All Spiritual Blessings Eph. 1:3

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST?

Jesus at our Baptism cleanses us from sin and saves our soul.

We are forgiven of our sins. Acts 2:38;

We are put into Christ. Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27; Rom 6:1-6;

We are added to His body. I Corinthians 12:13;

We call on the name of the Lord

and our sins are washed away. Acts 22:16;

We are saved through an appeal to God for a good conscience (by our obedience to what God has asked of us we then have a good conscience) through the cleansing blood of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. I Peter 3:21;

Therefore, our baptism is...

An appeal of a good conscience toward God. **1 Pet 3:21**

We appeal to God for salvation.

Blood cleanses our conscience. Hebrews 9:14;

Blood is contacted in baptism. *Romans 6:3;*

Boldly enter God's presence. *Hebrews 10:19, 22;*

**Without baptism the appeal
to come before God & be saved is denied!**

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We “put on Christ.” (Galatians 3:27;).

We are “buried with Christ” and “baptized into His death” and rise to live a new life. (Romans 6:2-4;)

This must be the time when Jesus’ blood covers our sins (note how it is through the blood of Christ that we have redemption in Ephes 1:7; and Matt 26:28;)

We are “united” or “grown together” or become “at one with” (sumphutos) Christ and our old self is crucified with Him.

Rom 6:5;

Jesus at our Baptism cleanses us from sin and saves our soul.

We are buried with Him, we were spiritually circumcised, we put off the old nature which was offensive to God, and we were raised with Him through our faith in the power of God, were made alive with Christ and forgiven our sins (Colossians 2:11-13;)

We are no longer offensive to God after baptism.

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Baptized into death of Christ. *Romans 6:3;*

We obtain the benefits of His death. *Rom 5:8-10;*

By His blood we are...

Justified,

Saved from wrath,

Reconciled to God.

Baptized into death to sin. *Romans 6:4-7;*

One dies to sin,

Body of sin is done away. *6:6-7; (Colossians 2: 11-12;)*

Dead to sin & alive unto God. *6:11;*

When we **“died with Christ.”** *6:8;*

When **“baptized into death.”** *6:4-5;*

Newness of life after baptism. *6:4;*

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We are given the promise that we will live with Him:

**“Now if we died with Christ
we will also live with Him.” Romans 6:8;**

**Hence we are assured of
our own resurrection in the future.**

We are born again. (born from above.)

John 3:3-5;

**We receive the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38;)
who renews us and saves us through His
“sanctifying work.” (2 Thessalonians 2:13;)**

THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

**We are Baptized into one body, the church,
Added by obeying the Spirit's command
to be baptized. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13;
Added together. Acts 2:41;
Added by the Lord. Acts 2:47;**

It brings us to salvation.

Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:41,47;

It symbolises the new birth.

John 3:3-5; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Titus 3:5;

It is for the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 2:38; 22:16;

It makes us disciples. (Christians.)

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41;

Through the blood of Christ our baptism brings us into a relationship with Christ.

It brings us into Christ. Galatians 3:26;

It is the answer of a good Conscience towards God

1 Peter 3:21;

It is the point at which you receive

the indwelling of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:38;

It is the point at which you are added to the

body/church Acts 2:41; Galatians 3:26-27;

a) Before, we were dead in sin. Ephesians 2:1;

b) We die with Christ. Galatians 2:20; Rom 6:8;

c) We are buried with Christ. Romans 6:4; Col 2:12;

d) We are risen with Christ. Colossians 2:12; 3:1;

e) We live with Christ. Rom 6:8; Col 3:4; 2 Tim 2:11;

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At our Baptism we are Born Again.

- a) To be born of water and the Spirit.... John 3:1-5;**
- b) To have a new life in the Kingdom.... Romans 6:4;
Ephesians 1:13-14;**
- c) To be a new creature... 2 Corinthians 5:17;**

Through Christ's blood at our baptism we are to be reconciled to God.

- a) Sin separates.... Isaiah 59:1-2;**
- b) Sin is washed away.... Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21;**
- c) In Union with Christ we come to God.
Gal 3:26-27; John 14:6;**

Baptism - Before and After

BEFORE

LOST IN SIN

- 1 Peter 3:21
- Romans 6:23

SEPARATED FROM GOD

- Isaiah 59:2
- Ephesians 2:11-12

WITHOUT HOPE

- Ephesians 2:12
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13

MUST PREPARE

- Must be Taught - Matthew 28:19
- Must Believe - Mark 16:16
- Must Repent - Acts 2:38
- Must Confess Christ - Acts 8:37

Mark 16:16



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AFTER

SINS WASHED AWAY

- Acts 22:16
- Titus 3:5



IN CHRIST

- Galatians 3:27
- Romans 6:3

IN THE CHURCH

- 1 Corinthians 12:13
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- Colossians 1:13

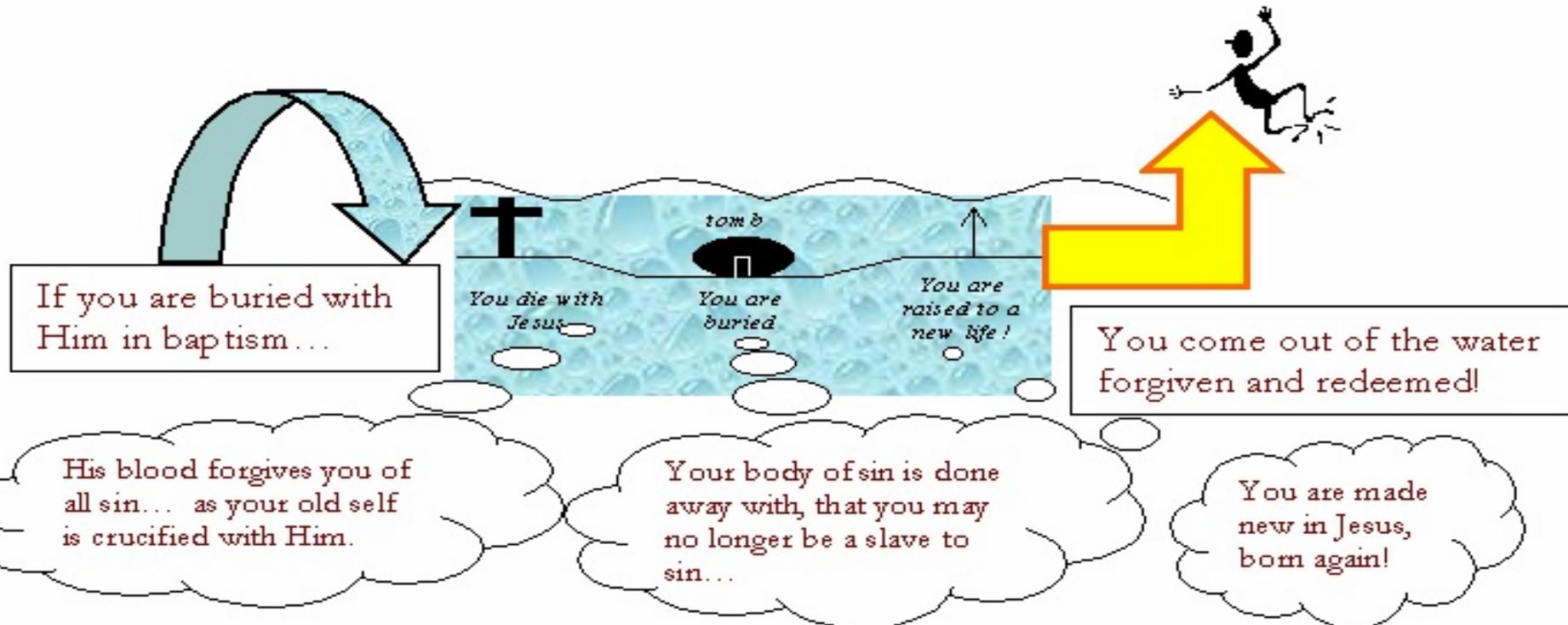
HOPE OF HEAVEN

- Colossians 1:5
- 1 Corinthians 15:19
- Hebrews 6:19

HAVE YOU BEEN SCRIPTURALLY BAPTIZED?

The Gospel re-enacted. Through the blood of Christ our baptism brings us into a relationship with Christ.

You see all three elements of the Gospel are represented in baptism: **Jesus' death vs. our death** to self, **Jesus' burial vs. our burial** in the watery grave of baptism, **Jesus' resurrection vs. our being raised up** to live a new life.



THE RESULTS of JESUS BLOOD at our BAPTISM.

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- Salvation, *Mark 16:16;*
- Remission of sins, *Acts 2:38;*
- Washing, *Acts 22:16;*
- Calling on Lord, *Acts 22:16;*
- Christ's death, *Romans 6:3;*
- Putting off sin, *Romans 6:4;*
- New creature, *2 Corinthians 5:17;*
- In Christ, *Galatians 3:27;*
- Cleansing, *Ephesians 5:26;*
- Sanctification, *Ephesians 5:26;*
- Kingdom, *John 3:5;*
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- Body of Christ, *1 Corinthians 12:13;*
- All blessings, *Ephesians 1:3;*
- Wearing name, *1 Corinthians 1:13;*

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- Baptized into Christ, *Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27;*
- In Christ...
 - All spiritual blessings, *Ephesians 1:3;*
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 - Forgiveness, *Ephesians 1:7;*
 - Inheritance, *Ephesians 1:11;*
 - New creature, *2 Corinthians 5:17;*
 - Salvation, *2 Timothy 2:10;*
 - No condemnation, *Romans 8:1;*
 - Eternal life, *1 John 5:11-12;*

All things new!

2

Corinthians
5:17;

EXAMPLES OF NEW TESTAMENT CONVERSIONS.

1. **Acts 2:38**; The 3000 on the day of Pentecost.
2. **Acts 4:4**; The 5000 men.
3. **Acts 8:12-13**; Simon and the Samaritans.
4. **Acts 8:38** The Ethiopian eunuch.
5. **Acts 9:18**; Saul of Tarsus-i.e. Paul.
(Note v 6 "must do.")
6. **Acts 10:47-48**; Cornelius.
(Note Peter "ordered him to be baptised.")

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7. **Acts 16:15**; Lydia.
8. **Acts 16:33**; The Philippian Jailer. (**note v31**;))
9. **Acts 18:18**; The Corinthians.
10. **Acts 19:5**; The Ephesians.
11. **Acts 22:16**; Saul of Tarsus - Paul recounts the story of his conversion.

Chain reference on Baptism.

Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38;
22:16; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12;

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

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**DIFFERENT
GOSPELS!**

**Do? There is
nothing you can
do! Christ did it all!**

**Accept Jesus
into your
heart.**

Just believe.

Pray through.

**Call out Jesus'
name.**

**Pray the
sinners prayer.**

WHAT SHALL WE DO? Acts 2:37-38;

Now when they heard this,
they were pierced to the heart,
and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles.

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*Peter said to them,
"Repent, and each of
you be baptized in the
name of Jesus Christ
for the remission of your
sins; and you will
receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit.*

**The
GOSPEL
RESPONSE.**

The Gospel Result – Added to Church.

And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying,

"Be **saved** from this perverse generation!"

So then, those who had received his word were **baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls...

And the **Lord** added to the church daily those who were being **saved**.

Preaching Jesus? Acts 8:35-39;

Then **Philip** opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he **preached Jesus** to him.

As they went along the road they came to some water; and **the eunuch** said, "Look! **Water!** What hinders me from being baptized?"

And 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.**"

"And he ordered the chariot to stop; and **they both went down into the water**, Philip as well as **the eunuch**, and **he baptized him.** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord led Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but **went on his way rejoicing.**"

The “ONE BAPTISM” of Ephesians 4;

The “ONE BAPTISM” of Eph. 4 is clearly demonstrated in the book of Acts, from two examples (Acts 2 & 8) we learn:-

Baptism was for **BELIEVERS**.

Baptism was **FOR REMISSION OF SINS**.

Baptism was **IMMERSION** in water.

Baptism **ADDED** one to the **KINGDOM**.

Therefore we see water Baptism was **COMMANDED**, it was not a promise.

Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20; “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:16-17; “And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.”

Born of Water and the Spirit?

5 “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,”

■ “Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:5-6;

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“Blessed are they who, placing their trust in the cross, have gone down in the water... We indeed descend into the water full of sins and defilement. However, we come up, bearing fruit in our heart, having the fear of God and the trust of Jesus in our spirit.”
The Epistle of Barnabas. Chapter 11. (70 A.D.)

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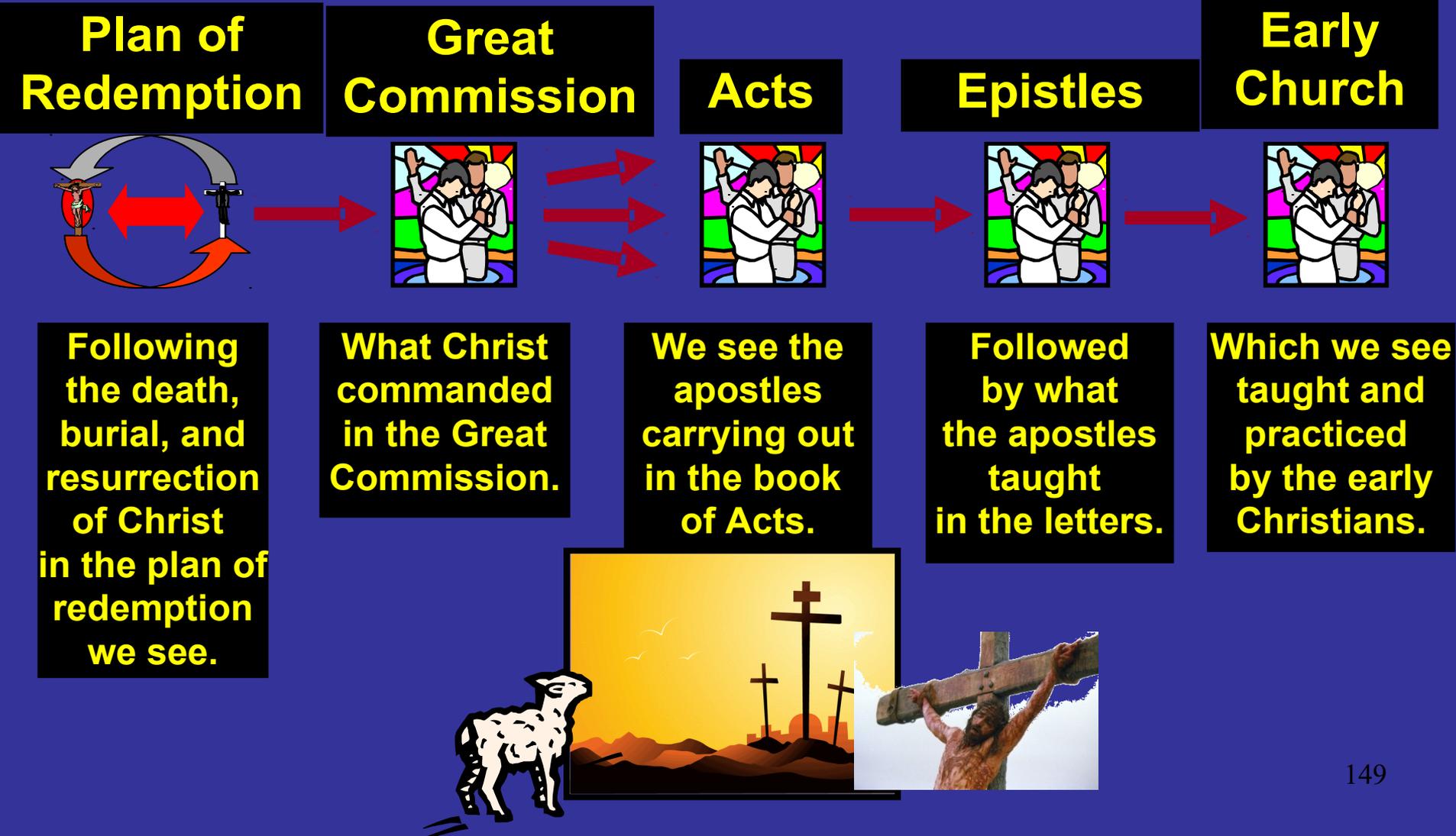
“As we are lepers in sin, we are made clean from our transgressions by means of the sacred water and the invitation of the Lord.

We are thus spiritually regenerated like newborn infants, even as the Lord declared, ‘*except a man be born again.*’ (John 3:3;)

Irenaeus. (150 A.D.)

**"Fragments From Lost Writings." no. 34,
Ante-Nicene Fathers. vol. 1, pg. 574**

Carrying out the Great Commission.



Everyone Deserves the Opportunity.

To ACCEPT

Or REJECT



The GOSPEL

Through the blood of Christ at our baptism.

Those who believe. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:41; 16:31;

Those who call upon the name of the Lord

are to be baptised. Romans 10:13; Acts
22:16;

Water Baptism - God's design:-

Action of obedient faith

that secures forgiveness of sins

through the blood of Jesus the Christ.

Acts 22:16;

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**Have WE IDENTIFIED ourselves
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offer of Salvation
on His terms?**

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