

Should I Be Baptized Again?

What do the Scriptures teach about someone being baptized again?

Introduction

- Baptism – important and essential part of being saved
- It is a shame that many teach baptism is unnecessary for salvation
- Or, they teach people to be baptized for the wrong reasons or in the wrong way
- Therefore many believe they are saved without being baptized or think they were scripturally baptized when they were not

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Introduction

- Lesson designed to clarify who should be baptized and why
- Lesson also explores if we need to be baptized again
- Please compare your baptism to what the New Testament teaches and take whatever action is needed to follow the Lord's Word

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1. Who should be baptized?
2. What is the purpose of baptism?
3. What is the only acceptable way of being baptized?
4. By whose authority must we be baptized?
5. Into what body must we be baptized?

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False Teaching On Who Should Be Baptized

- Many have been taught that baptism is not connected to believing in Jesus as the Son of God or repenting of our sins
- Many as infants were baptized in some manner
- But, are these baptisms acceptable to the Lord?

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False Teaching On Who Should Be Baptized

“The fate of infants who die without baptism must be briefly considered here. The Catholic teaching is uncompromising on this point, that all who depart this life without baptism, be it of water, or blood, or desire, are perpetually excluded from the vision of God.”

Catholic Encyclopedia 1911

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Who Should Be Baptized?

- The Scriptures teach that those who believe in Jesus as the Son of God, Lord of Heaven and earth and who repent, change their minds, about their sins, must be baptized to be saved
- If we have been scripturally baptized and sin, we need to repent, confess and pray for mercy, not be baptized again

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Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mar 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

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Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Act 8:36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch *said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

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Act 8:37 [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."]

Act 8:38 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.

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Act 8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized 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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What Should We Do If We Sin After Scriptural Baptism?

Act 8:13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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False Teaching On The Purpose Of Baptism

- Many are taught that baptism has nothing to do with being saved
- They say we are saved before we are baptized if we call on Jesus in prayer and repent of our sins
- Before baptism, the Holy Spirit regenerates us from within
- They say baptism is just a symbol showing that we have already been saved

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False Teaching On The Purpose Of Baptism

"Baptism is not essential to salvation, for our churches utterly repudiate the dogma of "baptismal regeneration;" but it is essential to obedience, since Christ has commanded it. It is also essential to a public confession of Christ..."

(Hiscox, The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, p.21, Note 8)

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False Teaching On The Purpose Of Baptism

"It represents in an outward symbol the inward work of the Spirit, and shows how, "according to his mercy, he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit," a work already performed on the heart of the candidate, by an application of the cleansing blood of Christ."

(Hiscox, The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, p.32)

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What Is The Purpose Of Baptism?

- The purpose of baptism is for the forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Jesus
- When we believe in Jesus to the point of repenting of our sins and confessing Him before men, we are baptized trusting in God to forgive our sins through the blood of Jesus
- After baptism, we begin a new life in Christ, our conscience being cleared

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Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

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What Is The Purpose Of Baptism?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

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

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Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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False Teaching On Only Way Of Being Baptized

"Let every adult person, and the parents of every child to be baptized, have the choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion."

(Methodist Discipline, p.470)

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What Is The Only Acceptable Way Of Being Baptized?

Baptism means to submerge or immerse not sprinkle or pour

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False Teaching On Authority And Baptism

"A body of men united together by the profession of the same Christian Faith, and by participation in the same sacraments, under the governance of lawful pastors, more especially of the Roman Pontiff, the sole vicar of Christ on earth"

Catholic Encyclopedia 1911

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By Whose Authority Must We Be Baptized?

Act 19:1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.

Act 19:2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they *said* to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

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Act 19:3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism."

Act 19:4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

Act 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

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False Teaching On Into What Body Must We Be Baptized

"It is most likely that in the Apostolic age when there was but "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism," and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert...constituted him a member of the church,...Now it is different; and while the churches are desirous of receiving members, they are wary and cautious that they do not receive unworthy persons."

(Hiscox, The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, p.22)

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Into What Body Must We Be Baptized?

- We are not baptized into a denomination or a local church
- We are baptized into Christ, added by Him to His one body, His universal church (assembly)

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Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

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1. When I was baptized, did I believe in Jesus as the Son of God and repent of my sins?
2. Was I baptized for forgiveness of my sins?
3. Was I baptized by being fully immersed in water?

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4. Was I baptized by the authority of the Lord Jesus, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
5. When I was baptized, did I understand that Jesus would add me to His one saved body, His church?

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