

Should I Be Baptized Again? v2

What do the Scriptures teach about someone being baptized again?

Introduction

- Baptism is important because it is essential for us to be saved
- It is a shame that many teach that baptism is unnecessary for salvation
- Or, they teach people to be baptized by the wrong authority, for the wrong reasons or in the wrong way
- They also wrongly baptize infants who cannot believe in Jesus, repent of sins and confess Him as the Son of God ²

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- Therefore many have either not been baptized at all or have been baptized in an unscriptural manner

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A New Testament Example of People Being Baptized Again

Act 18:24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

Act 18:25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

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Act 18:26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

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Act 18:27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,

Act 18:28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

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The Baptism of John The Baptist Was Immersion In Water

Joh 3:23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized--

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The Baptism of John The Baptist Was For The Forgiveness of Sins

Mar 1:3 THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'

Mar 1:4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

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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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Why Did They Need To Be Baptized Again?

- Their baptism was right in mode being immersion in water
- It was also for the forgiveness of sins
- But their baptism was that of John the Baptist which looked forward to Jesus coming
- It had not been done by the authority, in the name of Jesus, believing in His death (for forgiveness of sins), burial, resurrection and reign as Christ

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A. Nouns.

1. baptisma (G908), "baptism," consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence (from bapto, "to dip"), is used (a) of John's "baptism," (b) of Christian "baptism,"

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

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You Were Baptized By Sprinkling Or Pouring

- Across many denominations, people have been taught that sprinkling or pouring of water are proper means of baptism
- Some of the groups who teach this include Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and many others
- In contrast, the Scriptures define baptism as immersion, to dip or submerge which aligns perfectly with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

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False Teaching On How One Should Be Baptized

"United Methodists may baptize by any of the modes used by Christians. Candidates or their parents have the choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion; and pastors and congregations should be prepared to honor requests for baptism in any of these modes. Each mode brings out part of the rich and diverse symbolism given to baptism by the Bible. The United Methodist Book of Worship, Copyright 1992, The United Methodist Publishing House

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You Were Baptized By An Authority Other Than Jesus

- Many churches practice some form of baptism but none of these churches are authorized to exist by the New Testament
- They include the Roman Catholic Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, The Mormon Church, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Baptist Church and many others
- The New Testament clearly teaches that we must only be baptized in the name of (by the authority of) Jesus

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- Jesus has been given all authority over heaven and earth and instructed His disciples to baptize in His name, the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
- When one is baptized by His authority, they are forgiven of their sins and added by Jesus into his saved body of people, His one church (assembly) of the saved

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False Teaching On Baptism In The Name of Jesus

"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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"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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"Baptism by immersion in water by one having authority is the first saving ordinance of the gospel and is necessary for an individual to become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to receive eternal salvation. All who seek eternal life must follow the example of the Savior by being baptized and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost."

<https://www.lds.org/topics/baptism?lang=eng>

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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You Believed You Were Already Saved Before You Were Baptized

- Most Baptists and many other groups teach that baptism has nothing to do with salvation
- They teach we are saved when we repent of our sins, pray the sinner's prayer and the Holy Spirit miraculously makes us spiritually alive from within
- Baptism is just a symbol, a public confession of Christ to others

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- But, the New Testament plainly teaches baptism is for the forgiveness (remission) of our sins
- Just like repentance and confessing Jesus as the Son of God, baptism is an act of faith where we trust in a powerful and gracious God, through the blood of Jesus, to forgive us of our sins
- Baptism is the last step to being born again, made alive in Christ

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False Teaching That Baptism Is Not For The Forgiveness of Sins

"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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"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."

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You Were Baptized As An Infant

- The Catholics and many other groups teach infant baptism (sprinkling or pouring) because all are born guilty of sin (inherited from Adam)
- But, the Scriptures clearly teach we are not born guilty of sin and baptism is immersion for only those penitent believers who confess Jesus is the Son of God
- An infant can do none of these things

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False Teaching On Infant Baptism

“Since the New Testament era, the Catholic Church has always understood baptism differently, teaching that it is a sacrament which accomplishes several things, the first of which is the remission of sin, both original sin and actual sin—only original sin in the case of infants and young children, since they are incapable of actual sin; and both original and actual sin in the case of older persons. ” <https://www.catholic.com/tract/infant-baptism>

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No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Eze 18:20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

Rom 7:9 I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

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Rom 7:10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

Rom 7:11 for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

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Some Cases Where We Should Be Baptized Again

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2. You were baptized by an authority other than Jesus
3. You believed you were already saved before you were baptized
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