

Is My Baptism Acceptable?

❖ Baptism is not sprinkling.

Sprinkling of water over someone's head during baptism did not occur until c. 251 AD. The baptism we read about in the Bible is when one is fully immersed in the water.

❖ Baptism is not for infants.

Infants didn't start getting baptized until c. 700 AD. If baptism is for the forgiveness of sins, what sins has an infant committed?

❖ Baptism is not someone else's choice for me.

God tells us that we will have to answer for our sins on Judgment Day (2 Cor. 5:10). When we appear before God's judgment seat, no one else can answer for our sins except ourselves. We will be held accountable for our own actions. We will also be held accountable for if we've been saved from our sins.

❖ Baptism is not a "just because" action.

Many people were baptized "just because my friends were doing it." "Just because my parents made me." "Just because I know I need to be baptized." We're not baptized "just because..." We are baptized because we believe that Jesus offers salvation.



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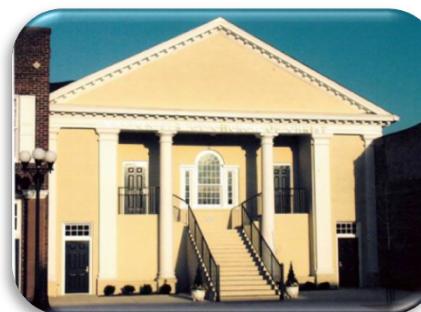
SUNDAY:

AM Worship: 9:30 am

Bible Study: 5:00 pm

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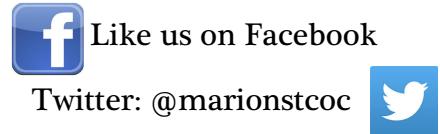


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What the Bible Says About...

Baptism

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

~ Mark 16:16



What Is Baptism?



- ❖ The term for baptism comes from the Greek word βαπτίζω (baptizo) which means "dip or submerge" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible). Thayer's Greek Lexicon defines baptism as "to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water."
- ❖ All the examples of baptism found in the New Testament have water involved. (Acts 8:36; 16:13-15)
- ❖ Peter describes baptism as "not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21).
- ❖ Paul tells us that when we are baptized, it means that we have died to sin. That means we have been forgiven of our past sins. Paul goes on to say that when we are baptized, we walk in newness of life. When we are baptized, it means we are forgiven of sins and we start living for Jesus Christ (Rom 6:1-14).
- ❖ Baptism is the act of being immersed in water to symbolize being cleansed from sin.

Is Baptism Necessary?



- ❖ Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the Life. No one comes to My Father except through Me" (John 14:6).
- ❖ In Acts 2, when Peter preached about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, he said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (v. 38).
- ❖ Paul explains that just as Jesus died, was buried, and resurrected from the dead, we must do the same. We die to sin, are buried in the waters of baptism, and raise up out of the water in newness of life (Rom. 6:4).
- ❖ Paul also tells us that unless we have died to sin (been baptized), then we cannot be saved from sin (Rom 6:5-7). And if we are not saved from sin, how can we get to heaven?
- ❖ Peter puts it quite simply – "There is also an antitype **which now saves us – baptism...**" (1 Peter 3:21)

Biblical Examples of Water Saving People

- ❖ Noah and his family were saved by the same waters that destroyed the wicked of the world in Genesis 6-9.
- ❖ Moses and the Israelites are saved by water when they pass through the Red Sea in Exodus 14.
- ❖ Namaan was cleansed from leprosy after dipping in the Jordan River seven times in 2 Kings 5.
- ❖ Jesus washing His apostle's feet with water in John 13.

ALL OF THESE DEMONSTRATE THAT WATER WAS USED TO CLEANSE OR HELP SAVE PEOPLE FROM WORDLY "FILTH." THE FILTH IN OUR LIFE IS SIN. THE WATER WE USE TODAY IS BAPTISM. BAPTISM WASHES AWAY OUR SIN.

"HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE CONDEMNED"

~ MARK 16:16