



BAPTISM AND FELLOWSHIP

Jesus Commanded Baptism

Christ
commanded it -
Matthew 28:19 - 20


Believers are
baptized to be
saved - Mark 16:16

Those who repent
are baptized to
receive remission
of sins - Acts 2:38

To have sins
washed away -
Acts 22:16

To get into Christ -
Eph. 1:3, 7; Rom.
6:3 - 5

To put on Christ -
Galatians 3:26 - 27



Action Commanded on the basis of Faith and Repentance

- Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)
- "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." (Acts 10:48)

Wash Away Sins

- “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (22:16)
- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ...
- 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,” (Eph. 1:3,7)

Into Christ

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

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom.6:3,4)

Our sins **can not** and **will not** be forgiven

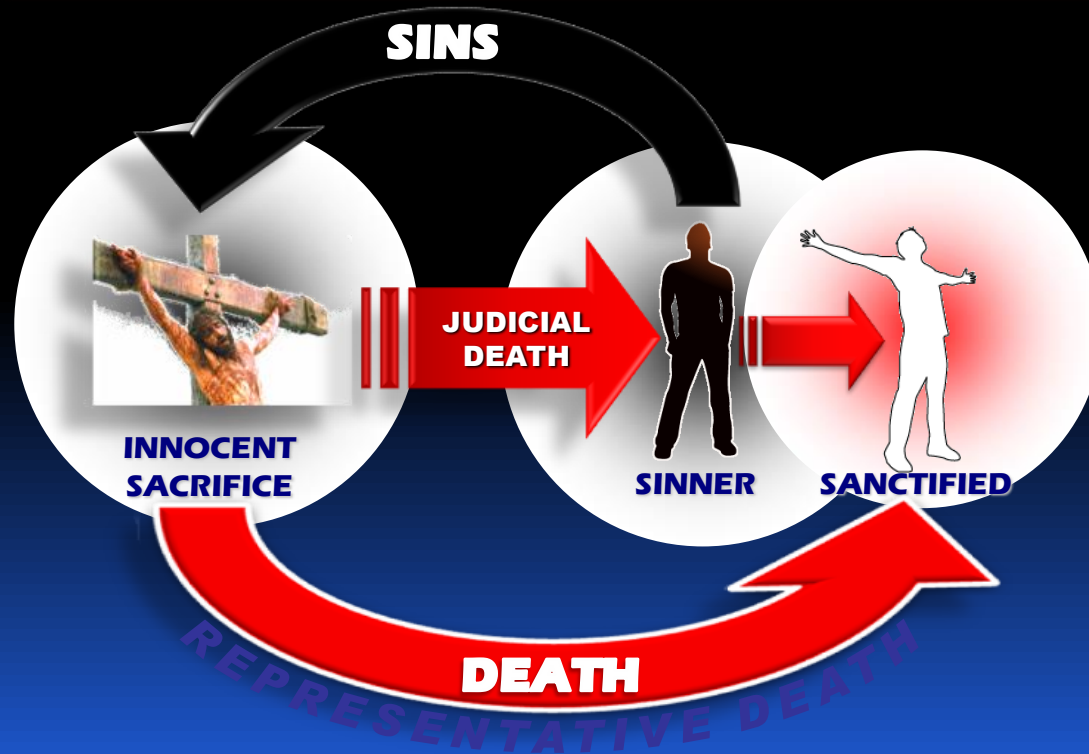
UNLESS:

We have died with Christ

We have been united with Christ in His death

We have been crucified with Christ

We have died to sin



This is according to the plan of redemption for “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

v4 Therefore we have been
buried with Him
through baptism into DEATH,
in order that as Christ was raised from
the dead through the glory of the
Father, so *we too* might walk in
newness of life.



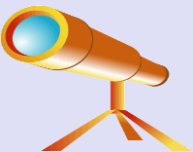
INTO DEATH



NEW LIFE

NEW BIRTH
NEW CREATION

Jn. 3:5
2 Cor. 5:17



Fellowship with Father

1 John 1:3 "that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."

1Jn 1:4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."

1 John 2:3 "And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments."

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

In Christ

- “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” (Galatians 3:26 – 27)
- “eight persons, were brought safely through water.
- 1Pe 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” (ESV)

He Saved Us



- “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to **His mercy He saved us**, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
- 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- 7 that having **been justified by His grace** we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:5 – 7)

Man Says vs. God Says

“What, then, does Christian baptism signify? **It is not a washing away of one’s sins,** because **cleansing from sin comes only through faith in Jesus Christ.** (Ephesians 1:7) Rather, it is a **public demonstration**, testifying that one had made a solemn dedication to Jehovah God and is presenting himself to do His will.” (*The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life*, 1968, pp. 183 – 184)

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(Acts 22:16)

Man Says vs. God Says

"Note 8. – 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 before the world, and to membership in the church which is his body.

(Edward T. Hiscox,
Standard Manual For Baptist Churches,
pp. 20-21)

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

Mark 16:16

Man Says vs. God Says

"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 by that very act constituted him a member of the church, and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense, **'baptism was the door into 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 Standard Manual For Baptist Churches (page 22)

- " And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Man Says vs. God Says

“103. There is no saving efficacy in water-baptism, yet it is a duty of all believers to confess Christ in this solemn ordinance...”
(Confession of Faith and Government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1983, p. 56)

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Baptism and Fellowship

- Fellowship Requires Being “in Christ.”
 - Every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
 - God calls us into fellowship (1 Cor.1:9-17)
 - Fellowship with others is dependent upon having a common Father (1 John 1:3-4)
 - We become a part of God’s family through obedience to the Son (1 Peter 1:18 – 25)



Am I In Christ?

- Baptism places one in Christ (Rom.6:3 - 5)
 - Are grace and faith enough?
 - What about Cornelius? (Acts 10)
 - What about the Ethiopian? (Acts 8)
 - The Key to Unity – Obedience to Jesus (1 Cor. 1)
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Faith in the working of God

- “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (Col.2:12)



