

# Baptism

## What It **Does** and **Does not** Do

### Introduction

1. **Baptism is a prominent New Testament Theme.**
2. **Baptism is one subject that has been much abused:**
  - A. **Called "outward ceremony"; "non-essential"; "water salvation"; ridiculed, etc.**
  - B. **It is a New Testament command that we be baptized to be saved - This is why the Lord's church preaches on it so often.**
3. **Since Baptism is so important, we must have a clear understanding of what baptism does and what it does not do:**

### What Baptism Does

1. **It puts one into Christ.**

Gal 3:26-27 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.

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body**-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

2. **It washes away all of our sins.**

Acts 2:38 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 22:16 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

### 3. It saves us.

Mark 16:16 "He who **believes** and is **baptized** will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**A. Catholics – Baptism, Belief, Salvation**

**B. Baptists and many others – Belief, Salvation, Baptism**

1 Pet 3:21 The like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also 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:

### 4. It puts into the kingdom.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Col 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom **we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**.

## SOME THINGS BAPTISM DOES NOT DO:

### It Does Not Make A Minor An Adult

1. **If a young boy is convicted by scripture to believe on Christ, repent of his sin, confess Jesus and is baptized, then he is forgiven of his sins and becomes a Christian.**

**A. Baptism does NOT make him a man! Nor does a girl who follows the Lord's plan of salvation become a woman just because she is baptized "for the forgiveness of sins."**

2. **We rejoice when a young person comes to Christ, recognizing that they want to be right with God.**

**A. However this action does not mean that this 9, 10, 11, 12 etc. year old is now a grown man or grown woman.**

**3. Sometimes when young boys become Christians, there are some who become concerned that a woman can no longer teach them without violating 1 Timothy 2:11-12**

1 Timothy 2:11-12 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

**A. This cannot be the case, for when the word “man” as used in 1 Timothy 2:11-12, we find this term meaning:**

1) *“with reference to sex, and so to distinguish a man from a woman ... with reference to age as to distinguish an adult man from a boy” (Thayer’s, p. 45).*

a) **Let’s look at the remaining verses of 13-15 in our passage under consideration: (childbearing)  
**1 Timothy 2:13-15****

2) **The “man” of 1 Tim 2 was an adult male, not a “boy.”**

a) **Again, the definition for “man” “stands in distinction from a woman ... as distinct from a boy or infant” (Vine’s).**

**4. Therefore, if we know the difference between an infant, child, and a man, then we can understand Paul was forbidding a woman usurping authority “over the man” (not a boy) in 1 Tim 2:11-12.**

**A. For further study, note that Jesus was called a “child” at one time in Luke 2:42-43.**

1) **At 12 years old Jesus was called a child. Let us call a 12 year old boy or girl a child — as the Bible does.**

**5. Baptism forgives us from sin (Acts 2:38), puts us in a right relationship with God, and give sus life (Rom 6:3-4). It does not change the age or maturity level of anyone, turning a boy into a man or a girl into a woman.**

## **It Does Not Remove Temptation**

- 1. Jesus was tempted immediately following His baptism (Matt 3-4).**
- 2. Those that live a godly life will suffer persecution.**

2 Tim 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

- A. Those of us that live a godly life also know that God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to bear.**

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

- 3. Song >Yield not to Temptation. Must continually look to Jesus.**

## **It Does Not Guarantee Sinless Perfection**

- 1. We are not perfect and that is why we need God. Baptism does not make us sinless----forever!**

1 Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 Jn 3:9-10 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever **does not practice** righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

- a. Simon, a baptized believer still sinned.  
(RELATE THE STORY -Acts 8:13-24)**

## It Does Not Guarantee Eternal Salvation

1. **You may know of someone who believes that it does!**
  - A. **However, there are many that act as if they believed this way - that baptism is **their ticket to heaven!****
  - B. **Many are baptized and then become indifferent.**

2. **Eternal Salvation is given to **"those that obey Him"**.**

Heb 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

3. **Baptism is not the end of obedience.**

- A. **A life of a Christian is to be one of continual obedience.**

Phil 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you **have always obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

- B. **One must be steadfast in worship and in service to God.**

Heb 10:25 **not forsaking the assembling** of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Acts 2:42 And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**.

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **"If you abide in My word**, you are My **disciples** indeed.

- C. **We must worship God our father properly.**

John 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in **spirit** and **truth**."

- 1) **This includes the Lord's Supper, Giving, Praying, Singing, and Studying.**

**D. Baptism is just the beginning of our walk as a Christian.**

Col 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your **mind on things above**, not on things on the earth.

Matt 6:33 "But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- E. Baptism results in ETERNAL LIFE: IF one is faithful - not through baptism only.**

Rev 2:10 .....**Be faithful until death**, and I will give you the crown of life.

## **Conclusion**

### **REVIEW FINAL SLIDE**

1. **Baptism puts one into Christ but in and of itself, does NOT guarantee eternal salvation.**
2. **If you are already baptized into Christ, you need to realize that you must continue to abide in the teachings of Christ - being faithful until the day you die.**
3. **If you are not baptized, you need to realize that you can't be saved without it.**

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