

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

BAPTISM



Scheme of Redemption

- Hear John 12:48
- Believe John 8:24
- Repent Luke 13:3
- Confess Matt. 10:32-33
- Baptized Mark 16:16

Faith

Faith



Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism in the Bible

Blessings of Baptism

Who should be baptized?



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What is BAPTISM?



Exactly what is Baptism?

Act of Baptism– which is it?

- The 'MODE' of baptism is very important to understand.
- Generic term meaning **sprinkling, pouring, or an immersion.**
- **Originally** meant 'an immersion' but for Jesus & Apostles meant only **sprinkling or pouring.**
- One definite and specific sense: **dipping or an immersion.**



Baptism – Root Words

- What does the word “baptism” or “baptize” mean?
- Greek word ‘*baptismā*’ (noun) is rendered ‘baptism’.
- Similarly, ‘*baptizō*’ (verb) is translated ‘baptize’.





The Greeks used baptizo to describe the dyeing of a garment, in which the whole material was plunged in and taken out from the element used.

Figuratively, baptizo pictures the introduction or placing of a person or thing into a new environment or into union with something else so as to alter its condition or its relationship to its previous environment or condition.



Baptizo: "To make a thing dipped or dyed. To immerse for a religious purpose" (*A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament*, E.W. Bullinger).

Baptizo: "Dip, immerse, mid. Dip oneself, wash (in non-Christian lit. also 'plunge, sink, drench, overwhelm. . . .')" (*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, Arndt and Gingrich, p. 131).

Baptizo: "immersion, submersion" (*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, Grimm-Thayer, p. 94).

Baptizo: "to dip, immerse, sink" (*Manual Greek Lexicon of the New Testament*, Abbott-Smith, p. 74).

Baptizo: "dip, plunge" (*A Greek-English Lexicon*, Liddell & Scott, p. 305).

Baptizo: "consisting of the process of immersion, submersion and emergence (from *bapto*, to dip)" (*Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, W. E. Vine).

Baptizo: "immerse, submerge. The peculiar N.T. and Christian use of the word to denote immersion, submersion for a religious purpose" (*Biblico-Theological Lexicon of the New Testament Greek*, Cremer).

Baptizo: "to dip, immerse; to cleanse or purify by washing" (*The New Analytical Greek Lexicon*, Perschbacher, p. 66).

Baptizo: "to dip, to immerse, to sink. . . . There is no evidence that Luke or Paul and the other writers of the New Testament put upon this verb meanings not recognized by the Greeks" (*Greek and English Lexicon*, Sophocles).

Baptizo: "*Bapto* is the basic verb. It means 'to dip in' or 'to dip under.' It is often used of dipping fabric in a dye. *Baptizo* is an intensive form of *bapto*. From early times it was used in the sense of immersing" (*Expository Dictionary of Bible Words*, Lawrence O. Richards, pp. 100-101).

Baptizo: "*Baptizo*, immerse" (*Word Study Greek-English New Testament*, Paul. R. McReynolds, p. 907).

Baptizo: "The meaning of *bapto* and *baptizo*. *bapto*, 'to dip in or under,' 'to dye,' 'to immerse,' 'to sink,' 'to drown,' 'to bathe,' wash.'" (*Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, One Volume, ed. Geoffrey W. Bromiley, p. 92).

Baptizo: "*Baptizo* 77x pr. to dip, immerse; to cleanse or purify by washing; to administer the rite of baptism, to baptize" (*Greek and English Interlinear New Testament*, William D. Mounce and Robert H. Mounce, p. 1028).



Baptism Is Immersion in the Bible

- We don't need to know Greek to understand Biblical Baptism.
- John 3:23 Why was John baptizing in that location?
- Mark 1:9-10 What about Jesus and the water?
- Acts 8:36-39 What do we learn about the Eunuch's baptism?
- Romans 6:4 What is baptism compared to?



- The word “BAPTIZE” originates from a Greek word “BAPTIZO” meaning “immerse”. And the word “BAPTISM” comes from a Greek word “BAPTISMA” which means “to submerge in water”.
- Therefore, baptism by sprinkling or by pouring is an oxymoron, something that is self-contradictory.
- Baptism by sprinkling would mean “submerging someone in water by sprinkling water on them.”
- Baptism, by its inherent definition, **MUST** be an act of immersion in water.



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Baptism Types & Antitypes



What are Biblical Types & Antitypes?

- A type is a symbol appointed by God to adumbrate something higher in the future, which is called the antitype.



What are Biblical Types & Antitypes?

TYPE

- a symbol of something in the future
 - as an Old Testament event serving as a prefiguration of a New Testament event.

ANTITYPE

- something that is foreshadowed by a type or symbol
 - as a New Testament event prefigured in the Old Testament.



Baptism Types & Antitypes

TYPE

- Noah & Ark
1 Peter 3:20-21
- Israelites crossing Red Sea
1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- Naaman the Leper
2 Kings 5:11-14

ANTITYPE

- Baptism
 - Saved by Water
 - Required Action
 - God saved them through their Obedience



Baptism in the Bible – Old Testament

We do not find New Testament Baptism in the Old Testament.

However, the Jews were very familiar with the concept of 'washing' or 'immersion' for cleansing (either actually or symbolically).

Exodus 40:30-31

He set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing; and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would wash their hands and their feet with water from it.



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Leviticus 14:8-9 (Cleansing of Leper)

He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days. But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows—all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes and wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

Baptism in the Bible – Old Testament

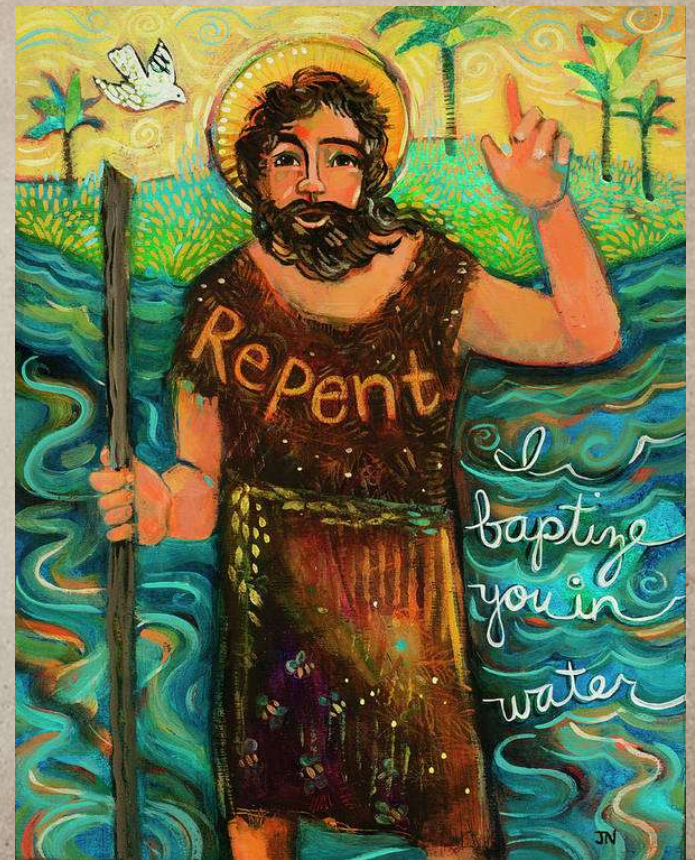
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Psalm 51:1-3

Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

Baptism in the Bible – Baptism of John

- Matthew 3:1-6, 11
- Does Baptism seem new to them?
 - Roots in Jewish ceremonial washing
- What did John preach / people do ?
 - Repent! (vs 2) = turn, think differently
 - Baptized with water (vs 6, 11)
 - People Confessed their sins (vs 6)
 - Prepared them for the coming of the Messiah
- A better baptism would follow (vs. 11)
 - Acts 19:1-5



Jesus Introduces Baptism

- John 3:1-7
- What's going on here?
- Nicodemus is confounded. He didn't understand what being born anew was about. He thought that to have eternal life he must be 're-born' physically.
- Jesus speaks of a new birth from baptism, which gives eternal life and membership into the family of God.



Jesus Instructed His Apostles to Baptize

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16–20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

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The Great Commission Mark 16:15-16

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Apostles Taught Baptism

Peter on Pentecost

Acts 2:38-41

Peter at the House of Cornelius

Acts 10:44-48

Philip to the Samaritans

Acts 8:5-12

Philip to the Eunuch

Acts 8:36-38

Paul to Lydia

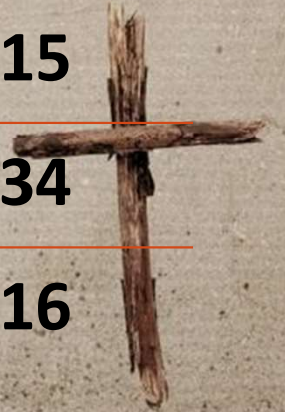
Acts 16:13-15

Paul to Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:30-34

Paul recounting His Conversion

Acts 22:10-16



Every
“Conversion” in
Acts includes
Baptism

Mt 28:18-20	<u>EXAMPLES OF CONVERSION</u>			Mk 16:15-16
	BELIEVED	REPENTED	CONFESSED	BAPTIZED
PENTECOST Ac 2:14-41		Repented 37-38		Baptized 38-41
SAMARIA Ac 8:5-13	Believed 12			Baptized 12,13
ETHIOPIAN Ac 8:35-39	Believed 36-37		Confessed 37	Baptized 38
SAUL Ac 9,22,26				Baptized 22:16
CORNELIUS Ac 10:34-38	Believed 43			Baptized 48
LYDIA Ac 16:13-15	Heeded 14			Baptized 15
JAILOR Ac 16:30-34	Believed 31			Baptized 33

There is only One Baptism

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



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Purpose & Blessings of Baptism



Purpose & Blessings of Baptism

- Forgiveness of Sins
- The Gift of the Holy Spirit
- United with Christ
- Newness of Life
- Salvation
- Entrance into the Church



Forgiveness of Sins

Forgiveness of sins is made
possible through the blood of Jesus
Ephesians 1:7

Such forgiveness is promised to
those who repent and are baptized
Acts 2:36-38; 22:12-16

Baptism results in forgiveness of
sins through the blood of Christ



The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is Promised to
Believers who are Baptized

By Jesus – John 7:37–39

By Peter – Acts 2:38

We are unified in the Spirit through
Baptism

1 Corinthians 12:12–13



United with Christ

Union with Christ is Necessary for
Survival

John 15:4-6

We are united with Christ in
Baptism

Galatians 3:27

Romans 6:1-4



Newness of Life

Dying to Sin and Rising with Christ

Romans 6:5-11

Buried with Christ, Made Alive with Him

Colossians 2:11-13

God makes us alive by forgiving our
trespasses



ROMANS 6

“as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. 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. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin”



**United with Christ in the
likeness of His death**



Salvation

Saving companion with Belief

Mark 16:16

Baptism Saves Us

1 Peter 3:21



Entrance into the Church

Entrance into the Kingdom of God
(realm of saved)

John 3:5

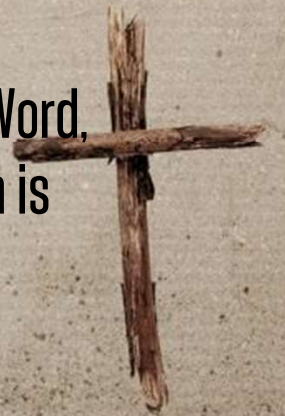
Those SAVED were added to the
community of believers (the church)
by the LORD.

Acts 2:37-45



Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation?

- Salvation takes God's part, which is grace (Ephesians 2:8), mercy (Titus 3:5), Christ Jesus (Matthew 1:21); His life (Romans 5:10); His blood (Romans 5:9); and the Gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).
- Salvation also takes man's part, which is faith (Romans 5:1); works (James 2:24); calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:13); hope (Romans 8:24); our effort (Acts 2:40); and being **baptized** (1 Peter 3:21).
- The Bible does not teach that man is saved by anything alone. God, through His Word, the Bible, says it takes all of these things to save us from our sins. To deny such is to deny the Word of God!



Extra Slides for Discussion if Needed



Baptism: A Commemoration

Event

Creation

Sparing of 1st Born

Giving of 1st Law (Sinai)

Sojourning of Israelites

Death of Jesus

Death, Burial, Resurrection

Commemoration

Sabbath

Passover

Feast of Pentecost

Feast of Tabernacles

Lord's Supper

Baptism



Question:

If we are told that to be saved, we must be baptized by being dunked in water, how or what allowances do you make for the sick, bedridden, old, or too young, who cannot go into the water and dunk their head?

Answer:

The argument is flawed because it seeks to find some exception to a rule to declare that the rule is therefore optional or unnecessary. Even if an exception were found, it would not change the rule itself. The point is that you are able to be baptized as God commanded; therefore, claiming that an imagined other person might not be able to be baptized does not excuse you from the command.



Where then did sprinkling or pouring come from? The first recorded case in all of early church history was that of Novatian in 251 AD, who lay sick on his bed and water was poured on him.

Who made this first exception, man or God?

Man did without the authorization of God. God has not approved of it. Sprinkling is just as vain as if it had never been done. This man-made exception over the centuries became the man-made accepted practice until at the Council of Ravenna in 1311 AD, man legalized sprinkling for baptism, but without God's authority. Since sprinkling is without God's authority, if you were sprinkled or poured, then you have not been scripturally baptized, and you still have every sin that you have ever committed and are still lost.



Some Religious Institutions:

“Baptism is super important. It is commanded of every Christian. If you have not been biblically baptized, you are walking in sin. Baptism is not optional. If someone just refused to be baptized, I would call their salvation into question; not because baptism saves you, but rather they are claiming that they love Christ while refusing to obey him.”



The Bible does not teach that baptism alone saves! However, it does teach that man is saved by baptism.

Many religious people think, “He that believeth is saved and should be baptized.”



People who don't think Baptism is necessary for salvation say that "to obey God" is the main purpose of baptism. Then why is that purpose never stated?

Is it not singular that the New Testament failed to mention the main purpose in connection with the command, but on the other hand emphasized the non-essential purpose, or the purpose not necessary to be believed? "Remission of sins", "into Christ", "shall be saved," "newness of life," and all other expressions are just one design stated in different ways. Baptism has only one design – salvation.

