

THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

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INTRODUCTION

1. Baptism is one of the simplest subjects but the most often misunderstood.
2. One of the main problems is that the majority does not understand the purpose of it.
3. What does the Bible teach?

DISCUSSION

I. BAPTISM MAY BE FOR THE WRONG PURPOSE.

1. It is not to be done because one is already saved.
2. As a saved person, one cannot be baptized to enter a church.
3. Scriptural baptism will not put one into a denominational church.

II. THE SCRIPTURAL PURPOSE OF BAPTISM.

1. Following faith, repentance and confession, baptism saves.

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I Peter 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:

2. Baptism is for the remission of sins.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

3. Baptism puts one into Christ.

Romans 6:3-4 ³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Galatians 3:26-27 ²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

4. Baptism puts one into the church.

I Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

5. Baptism involves the new birth.

John 3:1-5 ¹There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. ³Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** ⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6. Baptism pictures the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6

CONCLUSION

1. There is one baptism.
Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
2. Water does not save but the act of baptism does in obedience to the Lord's command.