

# Baptism \*

## 1. Baptism Is NECESSARY To Be Saved.

Baptized for remission of sins	Acts 2:38
To wash away one's sins	Acts 22:16
Baptism saves	1 Peter 3:21
Belief + Baptism = Salvation	Mark 16:16
To walk in a new life	Romans 6:4
To put on/come into Christ	Galatians 3:26, 27
God commands baptism	Acts 10:47, 48
Authorized by Jesus Christ	Matthew 28:18-20

## 2. Definition—What Is Baptism?

Buried with Christ in baptism	Romans 6:4
Buried in baptism/raised up	Colossians 2:12
A birth	John 3:3-5
Went down into the water	Acts 8:38, 39
NOT sprinkling a little water	Romans 6:4
NOT pouring	Acts 8:36-39
Requires much water	John 3:23
Planting/Raising our of the water	Romans 6:3, 4

## 3. PURPOSE Of Baptism

To receive remission of sins	Acts 2:38
To wash away our sins	Acts 22:16
Get into body of Christ	Galatians 3:26, 27
To be added to the Kingdom	John 3:3-5; Acts 2:47
To become a new creature	2 Corinthians 5:17
To receive a new life	Romans 6:4

## 4. WHO Should Be Baptized?

Those who have heard the Word	Romans 10:17
Those who have received the Word	Acts 2:41
Those who have been taught	Matthew 28:19
Those who believe in Christ	Mark 16:15, 16
Those convicted of their sin	Acts 2:37
Not babies unable to believe, etc	Mark 16:16
Those willing to repent of sins	Acts 2:38

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\* The reader is encouraged to review Paul Sain's material on Baptism in his book [Ready Reference For Growing Christians](#).

## 5. EXAMPLES OF Conversion/Baptism

Ethiopian Eunuch	Acts 8
Pentecostians	Acts 2
Saul of Tarsus	Acts 9, 22, 26
Cornelius	Acts 10
Philippian Jailor	Acts 16

## 6. Baptism RESULTS In...

Receiving remission of our sins	Acts 2:38
Having sins washed away	Acts 22:16
Being saved/salvation	1 Peter 3:21
Being added to the Lord's church	Acts 2:47
Translated out of darkness	Colossians 1:13, 14

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## IS MARK 16:16 REALLY THAT HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

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Which of the following statements do you think you might have difficulty understanding?

1. He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a promotion to a better job.
2. He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a new automobile.
3. He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a month's vacation.
4. He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a free trip abroad.
5. He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a thousand dollars.
6. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

The first five we can all understand. We know they promise a certain reward to the persons who believe and are baptized. We know that the reward cannot be claimed until both conditions, faith and baptism, have been met. The last statement is a promise made by the Lord. It is a promise of salvation to those who believe and are baptized. Does the Lord mean He will save those who believe and are NOT baptized? Honestly now—are the Lord's commands and promises that hard to understand?