
BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE US

DO NOT

Put the horse before the cart.

Step one

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

First comes Salvation, Born Again, Saved or Belief in Jesus. Whatever you want to call it. In other words, you believe with your heart and ask God to forgive you & come into your life.

John 3:5 Jesus 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

In Genesis it says, We were created in Gods image, **Triune**. We are **Body, Soul & Spirit**.

John 3:6-7 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Through the sin of Adam & Eve, it was our Soul that died and so through the price Christ paid for us and by us accepting his forgiveness and believing in him. WE have Salvation or are Born Again.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: **for he that cometh to God must believe that he is**, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Second Step

Mark 16:16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

John 1:26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, **the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.** (Jesus)

It is recorded in the scriptures that **people first believed and accepted the gospel of Christ THEN they were baptized.** In other words, Salvation first, then baptism

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and font color many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Galations 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

These are just a few scriptures quoted, there are much more.

It is better to be obedient to the word of God as in baptism, then to do sacrifice. (read) 1 Samuel 15:22

As Christ was buried in the tomb, so we, when put under the water are buried.

When Christ rose again, so we, when we come out of the water we rise like Christ.

Romans 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Therefore 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.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Romans 6:14-15 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? **God forbid.**

Through Christ we are set free from desires to be evil, **BUT if a person dont even try to follow his teaching, then we are only deceiving ourselves and the following scripture applies to us.**

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A testimony of a lady at her baptismal.

This lady was born and raised Catholic. She believed in Jesus, was baptized as a child, went to church, confession and prayed. When she was in her early 40s, she came to a reveling experience. If she died, she would not go to heaven, as even tho she had a head knowledge she had never ask him into her life. SO she ask God to forgive her and teach her his ways.

This lady had a real positive change in her life. We got to know her a couple of years ago and she is a blessing to know.

Last year, she got re baptized and gave this testimony before going in the water.

Through reading the scripture I believe God has shown me that when I was baptized, someone else believed for me and made my vows and commitments. Salvation is something you must

believe for yourself and so, is why your baptized, someone else cannot believe for you or stand IN PROXY for you. If that were the case, I would make sure that there would none, be lost. God has given us a free will, we can choose to be taught of him, OR we can choose to follow evil.

BUT Remember the thief on the cross! Jesus said this day will you be with me in Paradise **Luke 23:42/43** And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

He Did Not Say, I'm sorry you have to get down off the cross and be baptized first. Gods Grace is sufficient. BUT if you have ample time and opportunity, you are being obedient to his word.

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