

## Baptism Q&A

- 1) Welcome** .....Mr. Brice Williams  
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**3) Questions & Answers**.....Rev. Jeremy McKeen  
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1) Is baptism necessary for salvation? If not, why is so important?

**SOME VERSES TO CONSIDER**

1 Peter 3:20-21- "Because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Luke 23:42-43 – "And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

2) I've been taught that immersion is the only Biblical way to be baptized. Is this true? Why or why not?

**SOME VERSES TO CONSIDER**

Mark 7:4 - and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash (*baptizo*). And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing (*baptizmos*) of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.

Acts 2:41 – "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

Acts 9:18 – "And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened."

Acts 10:47 – "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 – "I want you to know brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

Hebrews 9:10, 13, 19, 21 – "But deal only with food and drink and various washings (*baptismos*), regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons ..., He took the blood of calves and goats with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people. And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood the tent and all the vessels used in worship."

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**Romans 6:1-7** – What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For, if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.

**Colossians 2:12** – “In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead..”

**Mark 1:10** - “And when he came up out of the water immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.”

**Acts 8:36** - “And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water; The Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away ...”

3) Wasn't Jesus baptized as an adult by immersion? Shouldn't we then follow our Lord's example?

### **SOME VERSES TO CONSIDER**

**Matthew 3:14-15** – “John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

**Numbers 4:23** – “From thirty years old up to fifty years old, you shall enlist them, all who can come to do duty, to do service in the tent of meeting.”

**Luke 3:23** – “Jesus, when he began his ministry was about thirty years of age ...”

**Numbers 8:5-7**– “And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Take the Levites from among the people of Israel and cleanse them. Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of purification upon them.”

4) What does water baptism primarily signify?

Baptism Signifies \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord's Supper Signifies \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord's Day Commemorates \_\_\_\_\_

### **SOME VERSES TO CONSIDER**

**Isaiah 32:15** – “until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high.”

**Isaiah 44:3** - For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring and my blessing on your descendants.

**Ezekiel 39:29** - And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God.”

**Joel 2:28-29**- “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, ... in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

**John 1:33** - I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

**Acts 2:16-17,33, 39** – “But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh ...” “Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.” “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

**Acts 10:45** – “... the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.”

**Titus 3:5-6** – “He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”



6) Well, what about the Great Commission? It seems obvious from Jesus' command that we're only supposed to baptize disciples?

### SOME VERSES TO CONSIDER

**Genesis 18:19** – “For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord ...”

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7** – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

**Matthew 28:18-20** – “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Ephesians 6:4** – “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

7) What's the difference between the dedication of a child and the baptism of a child?

### SOME VERSES TO CONSIDER

**1 Samuel 1:28** – “Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

**Luke 2:22-24** – “And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

**Luke 18:15-17** – “Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

8) Should anyone ever be rebaptized? If so when and why?

**VERSE TO CONSIDER**

Ephesians 4:5 – “One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

***OTHER QUESTIONS*** .....