

# IS BAPTISM NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

## OVERVIEW

### Introduction

1. The six different baptisms are briefly summarized.
2. The importance of studying baptism is stressed.

### Chapter 1

1. Jesus teaches Nicodemus how to enter the kingdom of God.
2. The word “water” is examined and how it relates to being born again.
3. The word “spirit” is examined and how it relates to being born again.
4. The Holy Spirit works through the Word in our conversion.
5. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we are baptized.
6. Four common arguments against the meaning of “water and spirit” are dealt with
7. End of chapter questions.

### Chapter 2

1. The Great Commission is commanded.
2. Jesus’ authority is explained.
3. A person must be taught before they can become a disciple.
4. God wants everyone to be saved, which teaches against Calvinism.
5. Teaching and baptizing are grammatically required in the English and the Greek.
6. Humans administer this baptism, so it cannot be Holy Spirit baptism.
7. We are baptized into the possession and protection of the Godhead.
8. The Great Commission teaches the Trinity.
9. A chart on The Great Commission.
10. A chart of the conversions in Acts.
11. End of chapter questions.

### Chapter 3

1. Mark 16:16 is examined.
2. Examples are given to show the simplicity of verse 16.
3. Believe and baptized cannot be separated grammatically, which can be seen from the English and the Greek.
4. Two common arguments are dealt with:
  - a. It only says if a person does not believe they will be condemned.
  - b. Verses 9 – 20 do not belong in the Bible.
5. End of chapter questions.

### Chapter 4

1. The significance of Acts 2 is explained.
  - a. Proves that Jesus is the Messiah.
  - b. Proves that Jesus was raised from the dead.
  - c. Records the birth of the church.

2. The church and the kingdom are the same thing.
3. The Day of Pentecost is on the first day of the week.
4. Peter gives his response in Acts 2:38.
  - a. Teaches against faith only.
  - b. Show that baptism is for the remission of sins.
5. "Eis" meaning "because of" is refuted.
6. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 5**

1. Philip was one of the seven chosen by the apostles.
2. Philip goes to Samaria.
3. The origin of the Samaritans is explored.
4. They were baptized.
5. Only the apostles could transfer miraculous gifts through their hands.
6. Simon's sin is explored.
7. God used an angel to direct Philip to the eunuch.
8. This area was not a desert.
9. The Holy Spirit tells him to overtake the chariot.
10. A person can understand the Scriptures.
11. The validity of verse 37 is explored.
12. The eunuch is baptized.
13. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 6**

1. Saul's conversion is compared in all three accounts.
2. Saul gets permission to imprison Christians in Damascus.
3. Saul's encounter with Jesus is explained in detail and textual variances are discussed.
4. Did they hear and see or did they not hear and see is explained.
5. Saul was not saved on the road to Damascus.
6. Ananias goes to Saul.
7. Ananias calling Saul brother does not mean he was saved.
8. Ananias did not transfer the Holy Spirit to Saul through his hands.
9. Saul's sins were not forgiven until he was baptized.
10. Saul's conversion teaches against the sinner's prayer.
11. Calling on the Lord is explained.
12. The grammar of "calling on the name of the Lord", "be baptized" and "wash away your sins" is discussed.
13. The word "wash" is examined.
14. Saul's conversion offers strong evidence that Jesus was raised from the dead.
15. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 7**

1. The conversion of Cornelius is discussed.
2. Cornelius background and profession is explored.

3. God hearing a sinner's prayer is explained.
4. Some details about Joppa are given.
5. Common practices that were done on the rooftops are listed.
6. We are not under the Old Testament.
7. The apostles received their knowledge in part.
8. Cornelius's men arrive where Peter is staying.
9. Peter and six Jews go to Cornelius's house.
10. Peter does not allow Cornelius to worship him, but the Pope allows people to worship him.
11. Peter begins preaching to them.
12. Faith only in verse 43 is refuted.
13. The Holy Spirit falls on them when Peter started preaching, which proves Holy Spirit baptism does not save.
14. Why the Holy Spirit was being poured out is explained.
15. Peter commands them to be baptized.
16. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 8**

1. Background information is given on how Paul made his way to Macedonia.
2. Why the Jews were meeting by the river is explored.
3. Lydia's background and profession are explained.
4. The Calvinistic doctrine of the Holy Spirit working directly on the sinner before they can be influenced by the Word is refuted.
5. Infant baptism is refuted.
6. The demon possessed slave girl is discussed.
7. Paul and Silas are beaten and put in prison.
8. Some details about Roman prisons and the stocks they used are given.
9. The conversion of the Philippian jailer and his family discussed.
10. More than belief is necessary.
11. Paul finds 12 disciples of John the Baptist.
12. John's baptism was temporary.
13. These men were baptized first, and then they received the Holy Spirit through Paul's hands.
14. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 9**

1. Grace is not designed to be a safety net.
2. We must die to sin.
3. Baptism puts us into Christ.
4. Things that are found in Christ are listed.
5. Baptism is the point we die with Christ.
6. Baptism means to immerse.
7. Baptism is a burial.
8. Baptism is not a work of man; Naaman is used to illustrate this.
9. We can only be united with Christ if we are baptized.
10. We must continue to live a faithful life after we are baptized.

11. We are under the Law of Christ.
12. Grace is not a license to sin.
13. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 10**

1. 1 Corinthians 15:29 is examined.
2. Baptism for the dead is explained and refuted.
3. 1 Corinthians 15:29 is explained.
4. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 11**

1. 1 Peter 3:18-22 is examined.
2. Jesus preaching to the spirits in prison is explained.
3. Types and antitypes are explained with a chart of Noah's salvation versus our salvation.
4. Peter is talking about water baptism.
5. Baptism is something a person does after they are saved is refuted.
6. "Answer of good conscience" is explained.
7. Once saved always saved is refuted.
8. I answer the question, What if a person is killed on their way to be baptized?
9. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 12**

1. The thief on the cross argument is refuted.
2. Saved by Grace though faith alone argument is refuted.
3. Paul not sent to baptize is refuted.
4. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 13**

1. A word study on baptism.
2. There are different Greek words for pour, sprinkle, and baptize.
3. I explain why most translations transliterate baptism.
4. Full definitions are given from several Lexicons.
5. End of chapter questions.

### **Chapter 14**

1. Quotes from early "Christian" writers are given that taught baptism was by immersion and for the forgiveness of sin.
2. End of chapter questions.