

Baptism Basics:

Who Should Be Baptized?

“He who believes and is baptized shall be saved...”

– Mark 16:16

Review: What Is Baptism?

- **Mark 16:16 with Matt 28:18** – The gospel forever separates the world into two groups.
- **“He who believes and is baptized will be saved...”** – The language is absolutely clear!
- **“Baptism” means immersion in water** –
 - **Definition:** “baptize” means “immerse”
 - **Example:** 1. A lot of water; 2. Went down in; 3. Came up out
 - **Teaching:** Baptism is a burial just like Christ was buried!

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1. Those who have faith in Jesus Christ

- **Gal 3:26-27** – Christians are the children of God
 - How did they become children of God?
 - **Note:** “For” at the beginning of vs. 27 means “because”
 - **Baptism is a saving act because of faith!**
- **Col 2:11-13** – How is a person different when “*raised up*” out of water in baptism?
 - Raised to walk a new life, forgiven of sins (Rom 6:4)
 - vs. 12 – “**raised with Him through faith...**”

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Put all of this with the Great Commission:

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved!”

- 1. By obeying God in baptism, we are saved through faith!**
- 2. Through that act of obedient faith, we become God’s children in Jesus Christ!**
- 3. Baptism means nothing without faith!**
- 4. Faith is incomplete without baptism!**

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2. Those whose conscience is convicted of sin
 - **John 16:7-13 – The Holy Spirit would convict the world of sin through the truth of God!**
 - Remember Acts 2:37 – “When they heard...”
 - Think of Eph 2:1 and Rom 5:6-10
 - How does a person ask God for forgiveness and a clean conscience?
 - **I Pet 3:21 – Baptism is an embodied prayer: an appeal to God for a clean conscience!**

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3. Those whose are willing to repent

- Read **Acts 2:38** and **Acts 17:30–31**
- **“Repent”** means to change your mind, purpose, and consequently change behaviors
- You cannot be saved and then go on living your life the same way! You have to change!
- Read Rom 6:1-4,11-14
- **If we wish to be saved in Jesus Christ, we have to make up our minds to give up on sin!**

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- If a person *cannot or will not* believe in Jesus Christ as the resurrected Son of God...
- If a person *cannot or will not* be convicted of sin by hearing the gospel...
- If a person *cannot or will not* repent and turn back to God...
→ ...he/she cannot be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ!