

a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

- Baptism does not save.
- Baptism is the final step of being saved.
- Baptism is only a symbol, showing that one was saved when he believed.

7. Does baptism “only” save?

Nowhere in the Scripture does it teach that one is saved by baptism “only”. Baptism “only” does not save any more than faith “only” saves.

- Baptism “only” saves.
- Baptism does not save.
- Baptism saves only when one believes in the Lord and obeys His teachings.

8. Is it scriptural to baptize babies?

Baptism is a command to be obeyed by one who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Babies and small children cannot understand the Gospel, therefore they cannot be believers in the full sense of the word, and therefore they cannot be scripturally baptized.

- Babies should be sprinkled.
- Babies will be lost without baptism.
- Babies are safe and do not need baptism.

9. What does baptism picture?

“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” (Romans 6:3,4). “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” (John 3:5).

- That we were saved when we prayed.
- It has no real meaning.
- The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and the new birth into His family, the church.

Have you been scripturally baptized? You must obey this command to be a Christian and to be a part of the Lord’s church.

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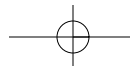
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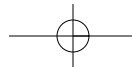
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(Please consider the question, read the Scripture, and check your answer.)

1. What is baptism?

“Buried with Him by baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the grave” (Colossians 2:12); *“... and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him”* (Acts 8:38).

- A symbolic gesture.
- Sprinkling or pouring of water.
- A burial in water.

2. Who commanded baptism?

Christ said, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* (Mark 16:16).

- Christ.
- John, the baptiser.
- The apostles.

3. What is the “new birth”?

Jesus said, *“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”* (John 3:5).

- Salvation by faith.
- The good feeling that comes when one believes in Christ.
- Being buried in water by baptism, to enter (be born into) the Lord’s church, to become a member of his family.

4. How many baptisms are there?

Paul wrote, by the inspiration of God, *“...One Lord, one faith, one baptism”* (Ephesians 4:5). It is a burial in water, done only once, scripturally (Acts 8:38).

- There is one baptism.
- There are many baptisms binding on men today.
- There are two baptisms: Holy Spirit baptism and water baptism.

5. What if one has already been baptized in another church? Can he be baptized a second time without sinning?

There is only one *scriptural baptism*, though one may be wet in water, in the

wrong church, for the wrong purpose, and by the wrong authority, one, two, or a dozen times. But the *true* baptism — the new birth into God’s family — takes place only once. In Corinth, Paul met some men who had been baptized, but not according to what the Scriptures teach. He explained the gospel to them. *“When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus”* (Acts 19:5).

- If a person has been immersed in water once, he is sinning if he does it again.
- There is only one true baptism, but all the factors must be right, in order for it to be acceptable to God.
- Baptism is only a symbol so it doesn’t matter how or when or in what way one was “baptized”.

6. What does baptism do?

When it is based on faith in Christ, repentance of sins, and the confession that Christ is the Son of God, baptism becomes the step of obedience that saves (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38), and puts one into Christ (Galatians 3:26,27), and into the church (1 Corinthians 12:13). Peter said, *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of*

