

# BAPTISM

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## Sermon on Baptism by Pastor Peter Watson



It is **highly recommended** that you listen to this sermon on baptism by Pastor Peter Watson. It outlines how Baptism fits into salvation and has a section at the end where people ask questions about Baptism.

You may find it helpful to review the section at the end of this handout that has a list of the verses in the bible that deal with baptism so you can make up your own mind about what the bible teaches,

<https://www.podbean.com/ep/pb-rz64a-14d92c8>

### Key Slides from the sermon

**Role of Conscience in Romans 14**

<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be **fully convinced in their own mind**.

<sup>14</sup> I am **convinced**, being **fully persuaded** in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

**You are accountable for what you in good conscience believe.**

**Romans 10:9**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Is Baptism essential for salvation?**

Yes / No

What counts as Baptism?  
*Study the scriptures and obey your conscience. (Romans 14:4, 14)*

- Infant and/or Believers?

Are you baptised in accordance with your understanding of the bible teaching?

Yes / No, not saved.

Does the Bible teach / command Baptism?

No / Yes

Optional / *Study the scriptures and obey your conscience. (Romans 14:4, 14)* / Obey? / Yes

**Is Baptism essential for salvation?**

Five Things to Consider

1. The Bible Commands It
2. Jesus modelled it.
3. It was the normal response of Christians in Acts.
4. It is a powerful witness to others that you are declaring Jesus is Lord.
5. A personal blessing.

Does the Bible teach / command Baptism?

No / Yes

Optional / *Study the scriptures and obey your conscience. (Romans 14:4, 14)* / No / Obey? / Yes

# The basics of baptism

The following study guide

1. Takes you through some preliminary teaching that you need to understand before you can take the step of Baptism
2. Outlines the bible's teaching about baptism.

Please carefully read the information and fill in the appropriate sections. (Answers are found at the end.)

## ***Are you a good person?***<sup>1</sup>

In Acts 2:38 in answer to a question about how to be saved the Apostle Peter says "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

According to Acts 2:38 what are the two things we must do to receive forgiveness for our sins?<sup>2</sup>

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We therefore need to look at what both of these things are. First, we will look at Repentance and then we will look at Baptism.

Repentance literally means to turn around and head in a new direction. So, if you are going North, to repent, would be to turn around and head South.

Before we can head in a new direction, we need to be clear about what direction we are really heading.

The last part of Acts 2:38 refers to our need to "receive forgiveness for our sins" therefore repentance means that we need to understand whether or not we have any sins and what is the consequence of sin in our life.

The following test helps clarify how good a person is measured against God's law.

Almost everyone thinks they are a good person ... but the question you should be asking is, "Am I good enough to go to heaven?" How would you know?

The way to find out is to ask yourself if you have obeyed the **Ten Commandments**.

Most people say, "**Well, I've broken one or two, but nothing too serious, like murder, etc.**"

So let's go through them and see how you do.

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<sup>1</sup> From [www.livingwaters.com/good/](http://www.livingwaters.com/good/)

<sup>2</sup> Repent & Baptised.

| (Tick the innocent or guilty box for each following commandment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | INNOCENT | GUILTY |
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| <p><b>1. "You shall have no other gods before me."</b><br/>                     Have you <b>always</b> put God first in your life? Jesus said to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength-- so much, that your love for your parents, brothers and sisters, friends, and even your own life is like hatred compared to your love and devotion for God. Have you <b>ever</b> failed to put Him first in your life?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |        |
| <p><b>2. "You shall not make for yourself any idol."</b><br/>                     Who is God to you? Is he only a god of love and mercy who would never judge anyone and never cast anyone into Hell? If that's your god, then you're right. Your god couldn't cast anyone into Hell because he doesn't exist. He's a figment of your imagination. You've <b>created</b> a god in your own mind that you're more comfortable with. You may call it your "personal belief," but God calls it <b>idolatry</b>. It's the oldest sin in the Book, and the Bible warns that idolaters will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.</p> |          |        |
| <p><b>3. "You shall not take the name of God in vain."</b><br/>                     Have you ever used God's name as a curse word? If you have, you've taken the holy name of God-- who gave you your life, your family, and everything precious to you-- and used it as a filthy, four-letter word. Hitler's name wasn't even despised enough to be used as a curse word! If you have used God's holy name in that manner, you are a <b>blasphemer</b> and the Bible says "God will not hold him guiltless who takes the name of the Lord in vain."</p>                                                                     |          |        |
| <p><b>4. "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."</b><br/>                     God commands that we set aside <b>one day</b> in seven. Have you ever been guilty of breaking this Commandment?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |        |
| <p><b>5. "Honor your father and your mother."</b><br/>                     Have you <b>always</b> honored your parents in a way that's pleasing in the sight of God? Ask Him to remind you of the sins of your youth. You may have forgotten them, but God hasn't.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |        |
| <p><b>6. "You shall not murder."</b><br/>                     Jesus warned "Whoever is angry with his brother without cause, is in danger of judgment," (Matthew 5:22) and the Bible says, "He who hates his brother is a murderer," (1 John 3:15). God sees hatred in the heart to be as wicked as murder. We can violate His Law by attitude and intent.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |        |
| <p><b>7. "You shall not commit adultery."</b><br/>                     Jesus warned, "You have heard... 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Have you <b>ever</b> looked at another person with lust? The Bible says that adulterers and fornicators (those who have had sex before marriage) will not enter the kingdom of heaven.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |          |        |
| <p><b>8. "You shall not steal."</b><br/>                     Have you ever stolen anything (even if it was something small)? The value of the thing stolen doesn't matter; petty theft is <b>still</b> theft. Have you ever taken anything that belonged to someone else (from the office, school, parents, etc.)? If you have, that makes you a <b>thief</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |        |

## 9. "You shall not lie."

Have you ever told a lie? Then you are a liar. How many murders do you have to commit to be a murderer? Just one. If you have told even one lie, that makes you a liar. The Bible warns that **all liars** will have their part in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:8). You may not think deceitfulness is a serious sin, but God does.

## 10. "You shall not covet."

This means we should never desire anything that belongs to another person. Not their house, nor their car, nor their money, nor their wife, nor their lifestyle, nor anything that belongs to our neighbour.

Who of us can say we are not guilty of breaking these Commandments? This is what the Bible means when it says, "**All have sinned** and fall short of the Glory of God."

Can you see your predicament? You are **guilty** of sinning against God Himself, and, because you have a conscience, ("*con*"=*with*, "*science*"=*knowledge*) you have sinned "with knowledge."

Isn't it true that **every time** you lied, stole, or lusted, etc., **you knew it was wrong?**

Does the fact that you have sinned against God scare you? **It should.**

You have actually **angered** Him by your sin.

The Bible says His **wrath** abides on you, that you are an "**enemy of God** in your mind through wicked works."

Perhaps you think God is good and because of his goodness He will overlook your sins?

But if you knew of a human judge who turned a blind eye to the crimes of a **guilty** rapist... would you describe him as a "good" judge?

No. That would be a "**corrupt**" judge. God could **never** be a corrupt judge.

He will punish all the rapists, murderers, and thieves... But He won't stop there. He will also punish **all liars, the lustful, adulterers, idolaters, and blasphemers.**

The place of eternal punishment is Hell.

God does not want you to perish. He is rich in mercy and compassion, and has provided a way for you to be forgiven. He has invited you to come to Him for a full pardon and receive the free gift of Eternal Life. You cannot earn it, and you do not deserve it, but God is offering it to you as proof of His love for you.

What can you do to be good enough to deserve God's reward?<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine you are standing in front of a judge, guilty of multiple serious crimes. All the evidence has been presented and there is no doubt about your guilt. Your apologies and good works cannot erase your crimes; therefore you must be punished. The fine for your crime is \$250,000 or imprisonment, but you don't have two pennies to rub together. The judge is about to pass sentence when someone you don't even know steps in and pays your fine for you! The court accepts the money and declares that you are free to go. The law has been satisfied, your debt has been paid in full, and the stranger's sacrifice was a demonstration of his love for you. That's what God did for you 2000 years ago.

<sup>3</sup> We can do nothing to earn God's gift. We must simply come to God in repentance and accept his free gift.

The Bible says that the God of the Universe became a man (Jesus Christ), and suffered and died on the cross for your sins and mine so that we could be set free. Then he rose again from the dead and defeated death! It's as simple as this—we broke the Law, and Jesus paid our fine.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
(Romans 5:8)

Do you acknowledge the fact that you are a sinner? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel about this? \_\_\_\_\_

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"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us." (Galatians 3:13)

Do you see God's great love for you? Do you see your need for His forgiveness? Do what He commands and "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." (Acts 3:19) You must turn away from sin and turn to God. Desire to have NOTHING to do with sin, and surrender your life to the One who can save you. Jesus died to set you free, and then he rose from death to be your Lord. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If you will confess and forsake your sins (repent) and trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, God will forgive you and you'll pass from death to life.

If you are not sure how to pray, read Psalm 51 and make it your prayer.

What does it mean to "put your faith in Jesus Christ?" It means to personally trust in Jesus the same way you'd trust in a parachute if you had to jump 25,000 feet out of an airplane. You wouldn't just "believe" in the parachute; you would put it on! In the same way, the Bible says, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ..." and you will be saved. There are millions of people who "believe" Jesus exists . . . but they have not put on the Savior—there's a BIG difference. And the difference will be obvious when you "jump" through the door of death.

Today, with all your heart—turn away from sin, and surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Please don't put it off till later. You may not yet have all the answers to your questions, but better to put on the parachute first and then ask questions, then to pass through the door unprepared, grasping for the parachute when it's too late. You can pray something like this—"Dear God, today I turn from all my sins (name them), and I put my trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Please forgive me, and grant me your gift of everlasting life. Amen." There is nothing magic about these words—it is the attitude of your heart that God cares about.

God will transform you from the inside out. You will think and feel differently as you learn to trust and obey Him. God will give you new strength to live right and love Him above all else. Read your Bible daily and obey His Word. You can trust God—He loves you and will always be faithful. To help you get started, you may also want to read "10 Principles for New and Growing Christians."

If you've decided to reject the gift of forgiveness and you die in your sins, there is no hope for you.

### ***What exactly is baptism?<sup>4</sup>***

Acts 2:38 says "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

Firstly, we have looked at the fact that we are sinners and worthy of punishment. (We have broken

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.crossroadschurch.com/aboutus/baptism.asp>

God's law.)

Secondly, we have acknowledged that we cannot do anything to make ourselves acceptable to God.

Thirdly, we have heard that God is willing to forgive us our sin if we come to him in repentance and ask for his forgiveness and accept that he has paid the price for our sin through the death of Jesus Christ.

The second key part of Acts 2:38 is the command to be baptised. We will now look at what baptism means.

The word "baptism" as it appears in the Bible means immersion (the process of submersion in water followed by emergence from the water).

Scholars agree that the baptism of the Bible is immersion. The following examples from the Bible substantiate that conclusion:

"As soon as Jesus was baptised, He came up out of the water." Matthew 3:16.

"Then Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water." Acts 8:37,38

Note the descriptions of the baptisms - "down into the water," "came up out of the water."

### ***What is the significance of baptism?***

Baptism is the outward expression of the inward miracle. It is a visible, tangible, physical expression of what is happening inside spiritually. Our baptism is a picture to be seen by others revealing what is happening within us.

Two descriptive word pictures are given in the Bible to explain what happens at baptism.

#### **Being Buried**

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:3 (see also Colossians 2:1) We are identifying with Jesus' experience and demonstrating outwardly in our baptism that:

- a) we are dying to our old life and the ways of sin.
- b) we are burying that old life of sin.
- c) and we rise to live the new life.

#### **Putting on new clothes**

"For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." - Galatians 3:27. We are demonstrating by our baptism that we are:

- a) taking off our old clothes of our sinful nature and lifestyle,
- b) and putting on new clothes of Jesus' nature and lifestyle.

We put on Jesus' values and His priorities. We surrender to Jesus' way. We make Him Lord of our lives, as well as Saviour. That means - "I'm no longer the boss of my life. Jesus is." (Galatians 2:20)

### ***Why should I be baptised?***

**1. Because Jesus was baptised. He is our model, our example, in everything we think and do. Read Matthew 3:13-17.**

Jesus came to John the Baptist at the River Jordan to be baptised. John, however, balked at doing such a thing, saying that Jesus should instead be baptising him (John). "Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper

for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." (v. 15)

Jesus said it is proper - it is the right thing to do. So John baptised Him. And immediately afterward, God expressed how pleased He was with Jesus' actions.

Jesus said baptism was the right thing to do, and then He followed through with action.

## **2. Because Jesus commanded it.**

After His resurrection and before His ascension to heaven, Jesus left these final directions to His followers (which includes us):

"All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:18-20. See also Mark 16:15,16.

## **3. Because baptism was an integral part of every conversion experience recorded in the book of Acts (which tells about the actions and beliefs of the first Christians and the first churches that formed after Jesus' ascension).**

**Note the following examples of the apostles, their associates, and the first Christians baptised:**

- a. Groups of people being baptised - Acts 2:41; 8:12
- b. Paul being baptised - Acts 8:34-39; 9:18; 22:11-16
- c. Cornelius being baptised - Acts 10:47, 48
- d. Lydia and her household being baptised - Acts 16:13-15
- e. Philippian jailer and his household being baptised - Acts 16:33, 34
- f. Corinthians being baptised - Acts 18:8
- g. Ephesians being baptised - Acts 19:5

Note that though each situation varied in some aspects, all who were baptised expressed belief in Jesus and were baptised immediately. We are saying that baptism is a part of becoming a Christian. We are not saying that you are lost without baptism; but according to these Scriptural examples, baptism is a part of one's conversion experience.

## **4. Because it is a way to witness to others of your belief in Christ and your resulting commitment.**

Though it may seem scary and humiliating to be involved in such a public act of surrender, it translates into a powerful witness to all who view it.

### ***How will I know when I am ready to be baptised?***

You are ready to be baptised:

When you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and are ready to receive Jesus as your Saviour.

When you are ready to repent - ready to turn your life around.

When you are ready to put your past behind you and put your life in Jesus' hands. Read Acts 2:38, Colossians 3:5-10, John 1:12, 13.

Is there anything getting in the way of you getting baptised? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Who should baptise me?**

At Northern Beaches Church of Christ baptism is often done by the Pastor but can be done by any Christian. Often someone asks to be baptised by the Christian who led you to belief in Christ, or a Christian who been significant in your life.

**Questions:**

What do I believe the bible teaches about baptism?

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What questions do I have about baptism?

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What do I believe I need to do as a result of this teaching?

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## **New Testament Bible Passages on Baptism**

Following are passages in the New Testament that use the word ‘baptism’ or related words. They are listed so you can make up your own mind about the full teaching on Baptism. *Not every passage directly relates to personal baptism* but I include them so you can have a full picture on the theme of baptism.

### **Matthew 3:5-17 (similar passage in Mark 1 & Luke 3)**

5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

### **Matthew 21:25**

25 John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### **Luke 7:29**

29 (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John.

### **Luke 12:50**

50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

### **Luke 20:4**

4 John's baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

### **John 1:28**

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### **John 3:3-6**

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

### **John 3:22-23**

22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. 23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized.

### **John 4:1-2**

1 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.

### **Acts 1:5**

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

### **Acts 1:22**

22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

### **Acts 2:37-41**

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other

apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

### **Acts 8:12-17**

12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### **Acts 8:36-40**

36 As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” [37] [c] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

### **Acts 9:7-19**

17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### **Acts 10:34-38**

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened

throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

### **Acts 10:46b-48**

Then Peter said, 47 “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

### **Acts 11:15-17**

15 “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with[a] water, but you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit.’ 17 So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

### **Acts 13:23-25**

23 “From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised. 24 Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. 25 As John was completing his work, he said: ‘Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’

### **Acts 16:13-15**

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

### **Acts 16:31-34**

31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

### **Acts 18:7-8**

7 Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. 8 Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

### **Acts 18:24-26**

24 Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

### **Acts 19:1-6**

1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”

“John’s baptism,” they replied.

4 Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues[b] and prophesied.

### **Acts 22:14-16**

14 “Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.’

### **Romans 6:1-4**

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

### **1 Corinthians 1:13-17**

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of

Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-5**

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-14**

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

### **Galatians 3:26-29**

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### **Ephesians 4:1-6**

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

### **Colossians 2:9-12**

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh[b] was put off when you were circumcised by[c] Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

## **1 Peter 3:19-22**

19 After being made alive,[d] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—  
20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

## **Titus 3:3-7**

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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