

# Do I Need To Be Baptized Again?

(Acts 19:1-7)

- Introduction:
1. Baptism is a significant event in the Christian faith, and cannot be taken lightly.
  2. Consequently, people give a lot of thought to baptism and that thought causes many to question whether they were “scripturally baptized.”
  3. So the question is often raised, “Should I be baptized again?”
  4. In this lesson we will seek to answer that question.

## I. Biblical Precedence For Being Baptized Again

- A. (Acts 19:1-7).
- B. Those who were baptized with an “outdated” baptism, were commanded to be baptized again.
- C. It would be comparable to having an expired ticket to a basketball game that was played a week earlier, and trying to use it to gain access into a subsequent game.
- D. This became a rather significant question during the early 1800's (Alexander Campbell and John Thomas) as well as the late 1800's (Gospel Advocate and Firm Foundation).

## II. When Not To Be Baptized Again

- A. When one learns more and matures.
  1. (1 Peter 2:2).
  2. Knowledge and spiritual growth should be daily events in a walk with Jesus, but that doesn't mean we should be baptized every day.
- B. When one feels guilty for sins following his baptism.
  1. (Acts 2:36-38).
  2. (Acts 8:13-24).
  3. For a Christian to be baptized to receive forgiveness of sins is just as ineffective as a Non Christian praying to receive forgiveness of sins.

## III. When To Be Baptized Again

- A. When one engaged in the wrong mode (Romans 6:4).
- B. When one was baptized for the wrong reason (Romans 6:17; Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:38).
  1. My friends were all doing it.
  2. I wanted to please my parents.
  3. I did it while not understanding it was for the remission of my sins.

- Conclusion:
1. Do you need to be baptized into Christ?
  2. Do you need to be “baptized” again?
  3. If you do, don't delay. Obey the Lord today. Delay is the same as saying, “No” to the Lord.