



Must One Be Baptized To Be Saved?

(Mark 16:15-16)

- Introduction:
1. Few if any biblical doctrines have generated as much controversy as has the biblical doctrine regarding baptism.
 2. It should come as no surprise that the defining moment in one becoming a Christian would be challenged by the Devil through a host of false doctrines.
 3. In this lesson, we will briefly set forth the necessity of baptism and examine several false teachings regarding this biblical doctrine.

I. Baptism Is Essential To Salvation

- A. (Mark 16:16).
- B. (Matthew 28:19-20).
- C. (Acts 2:38).
- D. (Acts 22:16).
- E. (Romans 6:1-17).
- F. (1 Peter 3:21).

II. Challenges To The Biblical Doctrine Of Baptism

- A. The mode (Romans 6:3).
 1. Sprinkling, pouring, or immersion?
- B. The subjects (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).
 2. Infants or believers?
- C. The Essentiality (John 3:3-5).
 1. Necessary but not Essential.
 2. What about the pious unimmersed?
- D. The purpose (Acts 2:28).
 1. To obey God or for the remission of sins.
 2. "Re-baptism Controversy."
 3. An outward sign of an inward grace?
 4. What does it matter?
 - a. When God tells us what to do, how to do it, and why to do it, in order to obey God, one must do the "what," "how," and "why."
 - 1). Example of the Lord's Supper.
- E. Misdirected trust in an act rather than a relationship with Jesus.
 1. Trusting in baptism while neglecting a relationship with Jesus will not save.

- Conclusion:
1. Baptism is, in the divine wisdom of God, a re-enactment of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
 2. It stands as the line of demarcation between one who is in the world and one who has become a Christian, a child of God.
 3. Don't ever allow a doctrine of such importance, to be minimized or trivialized as an irrelevancy, too much is at stake.