

Some Things Baptism Will & Will Not Do

- Introduction:
1. While some have minimized the importance of baptism, others have over emphasized it.
 2. Some see very little benefit in baptism, while others expect far too much from it.
 3. Let us in this lesson examine what the Bible says about baptism.

I. Some Things Resulting From Baptism

- A. One's sins are remitted (Acts 2:38).
- B. One is saved from his sins (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).
- C. One is added to the church (Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:13).
- D. One enters Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).

II. Some Things Baptism Will Not Do

- A. Baptism does not remove temptation.
 1. The appeal of sin does not vanish when you are baptized.
 2. Jesus was tempted after he was baptized (Matthew 4:1-11).
 3. Christians will suffer temptation (James 1:2-3; 12-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13).
 4. Temptation really begins after we are baptized (Ephesians 6:11).
- B. Baptism does not make one sinless.
 1. No one is without sin (Romans 3:10,23; 1 John 1:8-2:1).
- C. Baptism does not guarantee eternal salvation.
 1. Salvation is spoken of in two senses.
 - a. Salvation from past sins (Mark 16:16).
 - b. Eternal salvation (1 Peter 1:3-4).
 2. A host of passages warn the Christian about losing his salvation.
 - a. (Galatians 6:1).
 - b. (Acts 8:18-23).
 - c. (Luke 9:62).
 3. Baptism is not the end of one's obedience, but the beginning (Romans 6:4).

- Conclusion:
1. Baptism is essential — you cannot be saved without it, but baptism “alone” will not save you any more than faith “alone.”
 2. Don't minimize what baptism can do for you, but on the other hand don't expect it to do for you things God never promised in His word.