

Baptism Is Not For ...

Acts 8:36-39

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Baptisms Of The Bible

- Baptism into Moses. 1 Corinthians 10:2
- Baptism of John. Matthew 21:23-27
- Baptism of suffering. Mark 10:35-40
- Baptism for the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:29
- Baptism of fire. Matthew 3:11
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:11

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Ephesians 4:4-6

“(There is) one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.”

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Baptisms Of The Bible

- Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, for remission of sins.
 - Instructed in the commission to the apostles. Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:44:ff
 - First preached in Jerusalem ... Acts 2:38

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Definition

- Baptize (*baptizo*): “dip, submerge, immerse” cf. Luke 16:24

“... used among the Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment, or the drawing of water by dipping a vessel into another ...” (Vine)

- Requires “much water” – *John 3:23*
- A burial – *Colossians 2:12*
- Going down into & coming up out of water – *Acts 8:38-39*

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Examples of Conversion

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:44-47

Preaching	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved
Pentecost Acts 2:14-41		Repented 37-38		Baptized 38-41	Remission of sins 38-47
Samaria Acts 8:5-13	Believed 12			Baptized 12-13	
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	Believed 36-37		Confessed 37	Baptized 38	Rejoiced 39
Saul Acts 9:1-17; 22; 26				Baptized Acts 22:16; 9:18	Washed sins away Acts 22:16
Cornelius Acts 10:34-46; 11:14; 15:7	Believed 10:43; 15:7			Baptized 10:48	Remission of sins 10:43
Lydia Acts 16:13	Attended 14			Baptized 15	
Jailor Acts 16:32	Believed 31	Repented 33		Baptized 33	

Preaching Faith Repentance Confession Baptism Salvation
Romans 10:4; Hebrews 11:6; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:10; Galatians 3:26-27; 2 Timothy 2:10; Hebrews 5:8-9

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- The Untaught.
 - Pentecost. Acts 2:14-41
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 - Eunuch. Acts 8:35-39
 - Saul. Acts 9:1-17; 22; 26
 - Cornelius. Acts 10:34-46; 11:14; 15:7
 - Lydia. Acts 16:13
 - Jailor. Acts 16:32

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- Unbelievers. Mark 16:16
 - Samaritans. Acts 8:12
 - Eunuch. Acts 8:37

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- Those who have not repented. Luke 13:3; 24:44ff; Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30-31; cf. Romans 3:23; 4:15
 - Compare to John's baptism. Matthew 3:8
 - Corinthians turned from former practices. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; cf. Acts 18:8

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- Those who have not repented.
 - *metanoia* – “a change of mind for the better, heartily to AMEND with abhorrence of one's past sins.” (Thayer, 405)
 - “This change of mind involves BOTH a turning from sin and a turning to God.” (W.E. Vine, Volume 3, page 281)
 - “John did not call on people to be sorry, but to change their mental attitudes AND CONDUCT.” (A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures*, Volume 1, page 24)

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- Saved People.
 - “Baptism does not save; it reflects what has already been done ...” (Shane Idleman, pastor of Westside Christian Fellowship, Lancaster, CA; AV Press October 19, 2013)
 - *1 Peter 3:21 “which also after a true likeness doth now save you, (even) baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” (cf. Mark 16:16; cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4)*

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- Christians.
 - Called a “Christian Ordinance” (*The Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches*, page 78)
 - Baptist church teaches, “Baptism is to be administered to those, and to those only, who have exercised and professed a saving faith in Christ; ... This saving faith presupposes repentance for and a turning to the Lord with full commitment of heart.” (*The Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches*, page 86) “Baptism is the first thing after a person is disciplined to Christ.” (*Baptist Church Manual*, Pendleton, page 94)

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- Children of God.
 - cf. Galatians 3:26-27 To become a child of God.
 - Acts 8:13, 18-23 A child of God told to **“Repent & Pray.”**

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- Old Testament Characters.
 - What about Abraham? Genesis 15; Romans 4; James 2
 - What about the Thief on the Cross? Luke 23:39-43
 - Thief had been dead more than 40 days when Christ gave this command. Acts 1:1-3
 - Impossible for the thief to be baptized into the DEATH of Christ BEFORE Christ died! cf. Romans 6:3-4

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If you are not willing to do these things then Baptism Is Not For You!

Preaching
Romans 10:14

Faith
Hebrews 11:6

Repentance
Luke 13:3

Confession
Romans 10:10

Baptism
Galatians 3:26-27

Salvation
2 Timothy 2:10
Hebrews 5:8-9