

“What Doth Hinder Me To Be Baptized?”

Acts 8:36

“And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, (here is) water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?”

Baptism Is Necessary To Becoming A Christian

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“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:16)

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1 Cor 12:13 “For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

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Parallel to Christ Death, Burial & Resurrection

Rom. 6:3-4 “Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.”

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Parallel to Christ Death, Burial & Resurrection

Acts 2:38 “And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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Parallel to Christ Death, Burial & Resurrection

2 Cor. 5:17 “Wherefore if any man is in Christ, (he is) a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new.” cf. Gal. 3:26-27

Baptism Is Not For Everyone

- Babies Ezek. 18:20
- Children Not Accountable Mt. 18:1-4
- Sinner Not Believe Mk. 16:16
- Sinner Not Repent Acts 2:38 cf. Lk. 3:7ff

Time {

- When People Are Not Ready
- When People Are Ready

Acts 2:41 - Gladly receive word & baptized
Acts 8:36 - What hinders me?
Acts 16:33 - In same hour of night

Are You Ready?

Some ARE NOT ready...

Not Ready

- Waiting Until Have A Good Knowledge of Bible
- Waiting Until Get Life On The Right Track
- Waiting Till Gets Easier (Acts 14:22)
- Waiting Until When It Will Not Cost Me (cf. Lk. 14:25)
- Waiting Until Can Live Christian Life w/o Falter

Are You Ready?

Some ARE ready...

I'm Ready When:

- I know I am in sin
- Baptism is to wash away sin Acts 2:38; 22:16
- Need: sin separates from God
 - Now - Isa. 59:1-2; Jms. 1:15
 - Eternally - Rom. 6:23

Is There Sin In Your Life?

- Old enough to know temptation? James 1:12-15
- Old enough to violate - word of God? Rom. 6:16-17
- Know of sin in your life? 1 John 3:4; James 4:17

I'm Ready When:

- I know I am in sin
- I understand - Jesus

Born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23)
Lived sinless (Hebrews 4:15)
Son of God (Rom. 1:4; John 20:30-31)
Died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:1-4)
Raised from dead (Acts 2:24, 32)

I'm Ready When:

- I know I am in sin
- I understand - Jesus
- I understand what I need to do

- **Believe** in Christ (John 8:24)
- **Repent** of past sin (Acts 2:38; 17:30-31)
- **Confess** that I believe (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
- **Be Baptized** in water (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

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- I understand what I need to do

I understand why I need to do . . .

Lost - Now & Will Be Eternally!

John 8:21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11 - Can't go to heaven
 Rev. 21:8; Rom. 6:23 - Will go to hell

I'm Ready When:

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- I understand - Jesus
- I understand what I need to do

I understand why I need to do . . .

I know I am in danger if I delay

Danger- Why Do You Wait...

- **Christ could return .**
(Mt. 24:34ff; 1 Thess. 5:1-2)
- **You could die .**
(Hebrews 9:27)

I'm Ready When:

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- I understand what I need to do

I understand why I need to do . . .

I know I am in danger if delay

I can't be talked out of it

Why Not Now?

Acts 8:36

“Behold, (here is) water;
what doth hinder me
to be baptized?”

Acts 16:33

“And he took them the
same hour of the night,
and washed their
stripes; and was
baptized, he and all his,
immediately.”

Why Not Now?

Acts 22:16

“And now why
tarriest thou? arise,
and be baptized, and
wash away thy sins,
calling on his name.”

Acts 9:18

“And straightway there
fell from his eyes as it
were scales, and he
received his sight; and
he arose and was
baptized”

Are YOU ready?