

not make one free from sin. (7) A person cannot be taught wrong and baptized right. (8) If your baptism was wrong, be baptized right as were twelve men in Ephesus.

### WON'T I HAVE TO BE BAPTIZED INTO A DENOMINATION?

- I Cor. 1:10:** "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you."
- I Cor. 1:12:** "Every one of you saith, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ."
- I Cor. 1:13:** "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"
- I Cor. 1:14,15:** "I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gaius, lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name."



(1) We are here commanded to all teach the same thing and have no divisions among Christians. (2) But in Corinth divisions were caused by men wearing the names of Paul, Apollos, and Cephas. (3) This was "denominating," since the word "denomination" means "a division by name." (4) Denominating or dividing by names is here condemned as sinful, it divides Christ. (5) Paul condemned divisions caused by wearing names of men. (6) Dividing today over names or baptisms of men is still sinful. (7) Being baptized into Christ in the Bible never made anyone a member of a denomination, and it will not today.

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Have you made Christ's command of none effect by a baptism of tradition (Matt. 15:6)? Was your baptism from heaven or from men (Matt. 21:25)? Aren't you afraid to pervert or change the Gospel of Christ (Gal. 1:7-9)? Do you think that obeying error has purified your soul (1 Pet. 1:22)? Only the form of doctrine which re-enacts the death, burial and resurrection of Christ makes men free from sin and servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:17, 18 and 3, 4). Have you been planted to-gether with Christ in the likeness of His death (Rom. 8:5)? Have you become a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus by being baptized into Christ to put on Christ (Gal. 3:26, 27)? Was your baptism the one baptism commanded by Christ (Matt. 28:18, 19 and Eph. 4:5)? Would you be baptized right if you have formerly been baptized wrong (Acts 19:1-5)? Don't you want to be absolutely sure that you were baptized into Christ, since Jesus said that except you are born of water and the Spirit, you cannot enter God's kingdom?



# ONE BAPTISM into CHRIST

Ephesians 4:5 says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Galatians 3:27 says, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." We must find the one baptism into Christ, just as we must find the one Lord and the one faith. Check your Bible for the one baptism into Christ.

### WHAT IS BAPTISM? IS IT IMMERSION, POURING, OR SPRINKLING?

- Matt. 3:16:** "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water."
- Mark 1:9:** "Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized of John in Jordan."
- John 2:23:** "John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there."
- Acts 8:38, 39:** "And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip."
- Rom. 6:4,5:** "We are buried with him by baptism...planted with him in the likeness of his death."
- Col. 2:12:** "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him."

Baptism requires (1) a going down into the water and a coming up out of the water, (2) it requires much water, as in a river, (3) baptism is a burial and resurrection with Christ, (4) therefore it could not possibly be sprinkling or pouring, (5) baptism is immersion (the only meaning of the Bible word).

### WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED? SHOULD INFANTS?

- Acts 8:12:** "They were baptized both men and women."
- John 3:5:** "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."
- Acts 2:41:** "They that gladly received his word were baptized."

**Matt. 28:19:** "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them."

**Mark 16:16:** "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

**Acts 2:38:** "Repent and be baptized every one of you."

**Acts 8:36, 37:** "See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."

(1) Men and women should be baptized, (2) those able to receive the Word, (3) able to be taught, (4) able to repent of sins, (5) able to believe the Gospel, (6) but never in Scripture was an infant baptized.

#### **DON'T INFANTS INHERIT ADAM'S SIN?**

**Ezek. 18:20:** "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father."

**Matt. 19:14:** "Jesus said, Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**Matt. 18:3:** "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

(1) Babies cannot sin until they are old enough to break God's law, for sin is transgression of law (1 John 3:4). (2) They do not inherit sin from their father or from Adam, but (3) when they sin, they have sins to be forgiven. (4) As infants, they are like those in heaven, without sin. (5) We must be converted and become pure and innocent like them to enter into the kingdom. (6) Since babies have no sins, they need no baptism.

#### **WHY SHOULD ONE BE BAPTIZED? WHAT IS BAPTISM'S PURPOSE?**

**Gal. 3:27:** "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

**Acts 2:38:** "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."

**Mark 16:16:** "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

**I Pet. 3:21:** "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also save us."

**Acts 22:16:** "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins."

**Rom. 6:3:** "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"



(1) Baptism is to get into Christ ("into" means "from without to within.") (2) It is to put on Christ. (3) It is for remission of sins. (4) It is to be saved. (5) It is to wash away sins. (6) It is to get into Christ's death. (7) Like receiving communion for any other purpose, receiving baptism for any other purpose does not bring remission of sins.

#### **WHEN MUST ONE BE BAPTIZED?**

**Acts 2:41:** "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

**Acts 16:33:** "And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes and was baptized, he and all his straightway."

**Acts 22:16:** "And now why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins."

**Acts 8:38:** "And he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they went down both into the water."

(1) All baptisms in the Bible were the same day. (2) The jailer was baptized the same hour of the night, being past midnight (Acts 16:25). (3) It was always done straightway or immediately. (4) No one ever tarried until the next day or next Sunday. (5) The Ethiopian stopped his chariot so as to be baptized at once. (6) It is dangerous to delay the point at which one has remission of sins.



#### **COULD I HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INCORRECTLY?**

**Acts 19:3, 5:** "He said unto them, Unto what were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism...When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

**I Pet. 1:22:** "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth."

**Rom. 6:17, 18:** "Ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

(1) Twelve men baptized wrongly at Ephesus were baptized properly by Paul. (2) He asked "unto what were ye baptized?" (3) When he learned that the purpose of their baptism was wrong, he baptized them rightly. (4) Obeying the truth purifies the soul, but obeying a substitute for the truth does not. (5) "Being then made free from sins" refers to when the Romans had obeyed the form of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3, 4, 5). (6) Obeying any other form of teaching than this one does