

## I Hope You Took Your Medicine

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Jesus said, *“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”* ([Mark 16:16](#)).

I’ve known quite a few people who have had a problem accepting the words of Jesus in [Mark 16:16](#). Those who believe that one can be saved by faith alone dismiss the word “baptism” – claiming that it is merely an option, or that it is an outward sign of an inward grace. Yet Jesus did not state it as an option but as a requirement. The apostles also taught that baptism is a requirement for salvation. Peter commanded it ([Acts 2:38](#); [10:47-48](#)). In fact, in [1 Peter 3:21](#) he specifically states that baptism saves us.

Imagine, if you will, people dying of a disease that was only curable by taking a special pill. And the doctor who made the pill said, “He who buys the pill and takes it will live; but he who does not buy it will die.” Would you have a hard time understanding that you’d have to take that pill in order to live? The same is true with baptism, my friends. I sure hope you took your medicine.