

# THE SCHEME OF REDEMPTION IS CLEAR YOU MUST BE BAPTIZED

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS HEBREWS 10:19-25

It is unnecessary to give detailed and technical arguments regarding the necessity of the act of baptism. We only need to examine the scriptures with an open mind to see what the Lord commands in this regard. Please note the following:

- Baptism is for Salvation
- Baptism Brings Newness of Life
- Christ is "Put On" Through Baptism
- We are Buried with Christ in Baptism, and He Makes Us Alive
- Baptism Saves Us
- The Bible is clear

## BAPTISM SAVES

- Mark 16:16, *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

### **Baptism is for the Remission of Sins**

Acts 2:38, *"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"* **Baptism Washes Away Sins**

Acts 22:16, *"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."*

## BAPTISM BRINGS NEWNESS OF LIFE

- Romans 6:4, *"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

- **Christ is "Put On" Through Baptism**

Galatians 3:27, *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

- **We are Buried with Christ in Baptism, and He Makes Us Alive**

Colossians 2:12-13, *"... buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."*

- **Baptism Saves Us**

1 Peter 3:21, *"There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*

- Additionally, the acts of conversion recorded in the book of Acts show baptism to be a part of the response to the gospel.

- **The Jews on Pentecost (Acts 2:38)**

- **People of Samaria (Acts 8:12-13)**

- **Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:38)**

- **Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:18; 22:16)**

- **Cornelius and His Household (Acts 10:47-48)**

- Lydia and Her Household (Acts 16:15)
- The Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:33)
- Crispus and other Corinthians (Acts 18:8)
- Followers of John in Ephesus (Acts 19:5)
- In The Scheme of Redemption, you must be Baptized. Only in the watery grave of Baptism is where your sins are forgiven and washed away.

- Since not all are saved, and yet Christ died for all, it is understood that man has some bearing on his own salvation. He has a part to play as well. If he does as God requires, then he will be saved. If he does not, then he will be lost.
- The part man plays in his own redemption is a logical sequence of response to the extended grace of God. The gospel is preached to him. It is the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16); He hears the gospel (Romans 10:17), and it engenders faith. Faith in Christ is necessary for redemption (Hebrews 11:6).

- This faith in Christ leads the sinner to respond to the commands of Christ to confess Him (Romans 10:9-10), and to "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38).
- At the point of baptism, a sinner's sins are washed away (Acts 22:16), and he rises to walk in newness of life as a child of God (Romans 6:4).
- It is necessary for the new child of God to maintain his faithfulness throughout his life, and if he does, he will spend eternity in heaven (Revelation 2:7).

- This has been discussed in detail that saving faith is faith that is accompanied by obedience. "... *faith, by itself, if it does not have works, is dead*" (James 2:17).
- Also discussed in detail is the necessity of repentance. God demands "*all men everywhere to repent*" (Acts 17:30). The forgiveness of sins is predicated by a promise to turn away from that sin, and practice righteousness. Without that determination, redemption is not possible.
- This leaves us with a discussion of baptism. Because of Protestant denominationalism/ Evangelicals many refuse to understand that baptism is essential for redemption. The Protestant tradition of salvation by faith only is wrong. Their concept is invalid, for the scriptures clearly show that one **must be baptized** in order to have salvation.

## HEAR THE INVITATION

**HEAR:** Romans 10:17, "So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ"

**BELIEVE:** Mark 1:15, "... and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the gospel.'" 16:16, "The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned."

**CONFESS:** 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED:** Acts 2:38, "Peter *said* to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

**LIVE FAITHFULLY:** Philippians 1:27, "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel"