



Baptism: If you are called (Mt 22:14)

If you feel that you are called to get baptized as the bible gives examples of how it's suppose to be done then do it with great haste (Acts 22:16)

Before you get baptized then you want to make sure that the baptizer is on the same belief as the bible.

That they believe:

- Baptism is FOR the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, Rm 6:6)
- You Baptize in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38, Acts8:12, Acts 4:10,12)
- You receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
- You receive guidance from the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:13-15, Jn 14:16, Jn 14:26)
- At Baptism you are clothed in righteousness, you have put on Christ (Gal 3:27)
- At Baptism you have a chance of everlasting life (1 Pt 3:21) if you abide (Heb 10:26) and persevere (Mt 10:22) in your trials/tribulations as they are a refinement (Acts 14:22, Rm 5:3-5) and you are considered a son of God (Heb 12:7-8)
- Baptism is total immersion (Mt 3:16) baptism = the greek word baptizo which means immersion (the new testament was written in Greek so by looking up the word Baptism in a Concordance [ie: bible dictionary] then you can see what the word means. Below is that definition)
Strong's Ref. # 907
Romanized baptizo
Pronounced bap-tid'-zo
from a derivative of GSN0911; **to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet);** used only (in the N.T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism:
KJV--Baptist, baptize, wash.
- Baptism takes away infirmities and sicknesses (Mt 8:17)
- Your water Baptism links you to Jesus burial and you rising out of the water links you to Jesus' resurrection (Rm 6:3-11)
- *Only adults are baptized in the bible (Acts 8:12)*

The prerequisites of baptism are:

- You must believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and he has come in the flesh (1 Jn 4:1-4)
- You must confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is God (Rm 10:9-10)
- You have to repent (change your heart [Joel 2:12-13], control your thinking [2 Cor 10:5], control your tongue [James 1:26, 1 Pt 3:10])
- That you fear God (Rev 14:7)

Some may say that by having a step by step process that you are falling back on being a Pharisees (whose 63 Talmud books have laws down to the littlest thing - much which contradicts the Bible).

Another argument that by doing those steps you are doing a work to earn your salvation.

Neither is the case. We are told in the Bible that Salvation requires us to:

- Obtain (1 Th 5:9),
- Obey (Heb 5:9, Jn 15:14),
- Work out (Philp 2:12),
- Fight and lay hold of (1 Tim 6:12)
- *Do God's work (Heb 10:36)*

- *Be doers, not hearers only (James 1:22)*
- *Hands on (James 2:21-23)*

for Salvation (all indicates you doing something physical instead of all mental). Baptism links you to the Father's Grace and Mercy and it's the Father's Grace (Eph 2:8) and Mercy (Titus 3:5) that saves you. Jesus has given us a present (Salvation) in order to receive it you have to physically/mentally/spiritually do something (believe/repent/confess/baptize)

Once you are baptized then you must:

- Abide (Heb 10:26) and persevere (Mt 10:22)
- Study the scriptures (2 Tim 3:15)
- Confirm what people say with the word (Acts 17:11)
- Take communion (Jn 6:54)
- Be a Christian by acting like a Christian (James 2:18)
- Continue in Hope (Heb 11:1), Faith (1 Pt 1:9)
- Continue in Apostles Doctrine (1 Tim 4:16)
- *Obedient until death (Mt 7:24)*
- *Evangelize and Baptize others (Mt 28:19-20)*

The act of Baptism connects you with God's Grace (Eph 2:8) and Mercy (Lk 1:50). All the steps prior to Baptism draws you closer to God and he, in response, will draw closer to you (James 4:8). Baptism is the only way to place you in Jesus (Gal 3:27)

If you can't find a person to baptize you (that has the beliefs above) then let me know, we can find a pool someplace at lunchtime or after work and get you added to the body of Christ (baptized). The person doing the Baptizing should have been Baptized as with above. Once you have been Baptized then you can baptize others since you are considered by Jesus as a priest (Rev 1:6, 1 Pt 2:9, Rev 5:10).

The Process of being baptized isn't complicated.

- On mine and my wife baptism, several of the scripture verses were read that were listed above.
- [for the confession of the mouth] Asked who Jesus was (I said the only begotten son of God)
- Got into the water, crossed arms and held the nose and the baptizer lowered us down, completely under water saying I baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Jesus is the name of the Father and of the Son - Jn 17:11) *for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38)*

Best Regards,

Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim
Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20

ASV Matthew 22:14 **For many are called, but few chosen**

ASV Acts 22:16 And now **why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized,** and wash away thy sins, calling on his name.

ASV 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.**

ASV Acts 8:12 But **when they believed** Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and **the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized,** both men and women.

ASV Acts 4:12 And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

ASV Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin;

ASV John 16:13-15

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you.

15 All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he taketh of mine, and shall declare it unto you.

ASV John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever,

ASV John 14:26 But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

ASV Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.

ASV 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;

ASV Titus 3:5 not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

ASV Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins,

ASV Matthew 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

ASV Acts 14:22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.

ASV Romans 5:3-4

3 And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness;

4 and stedfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope:

ASV Hebrews 12:7-8

7 It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

ASV Matthew 3:16 And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him;

ASV Matthew 8:17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying: Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

ASV Romans 6:3-11

3 Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism unto 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.

5 For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection;

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin;

7 for he that hath died is justified from sin.

8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him;

9 knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him.

10 For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

ASV Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

ASV 1 John 4:1-4

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 and every spirit that confesseth not Jesus is not of God: and this is the spirit of the antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is in the world already.

4 Ye are of God, my little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

ASV Romans 10:9-10

9 because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved:

10 for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

ASV Joel 2:12-13

12 Yet even now, saith Jehovah, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;

13 and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto Jehovah your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

ASV 2 Corinthians 10:5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ;

ASV James 1:26 If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain.

ASV 1 Peter 3:10 For, He that would love life, And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips that they speak no guile:

ASV Revelation 14:7 and he saith with a great voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

ASV 1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God appointed us not into wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

ASV John 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you.

ASV Hebrews 5:9 and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation;

ASV Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

ASV 1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.

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Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise.

ASV James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.

ASV James 2:21-23

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect;

23 and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God.

ASV 2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

ASV Acts 17:11 Now these were more noble than those in Thesslonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so.

ASV John 6:54 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

ASV James 2:18 Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart from thy works, and I by my works will show thee my faith.

ASV Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.

ASV 1 Peter 1:9 receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

ASV 1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.

ASV Matthew 7:24 Every one therefore that **heareth these words of mine, and doeth them**, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock:

ASV Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:**
20 **teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you:** and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

ASV Ephesians 2:8 for by **grace have ye been saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God;**

ASV Luke 1:50 **And his mercy** is unto generations and generations **On them that fear him.**

ASV James 4:8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded.

ASV Revelation 1:6 and **he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests** unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

ASV 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are **a elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation**, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

ASV Revelation 5:10 and madest them to be unto our **God a kingdom and priests;** and they reign upon earth.

ASV John 17:11 And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in **thy name which thou hast given me**, that they may be one, even as we are.

My Response to his reply

Thanks for looking over it I'm glad that you enjoyed it. My job (and all Christian's job) is to show others the gospel.

It's your job to verify what anyone says about the gospel is true or not. You shouldn't believe or trust me or anyone else (including anything coming out of any church) without studying and verifying the scriptures for yourself (Acts 17:11). If anyone says anything other than what the scriptures say then it's either God is lying or the person is lying. Since God doesn't change (Mal 3:6) or lie (Rm 3:4) then it's the other person that's doing the fibbing either knowingly (Mt 23:13) or unknowingly – the consequences are the same (Mt 7:22-23). Paul said that after he died then wolves would enter into the church and lead people astray (Acts 20:29-31) – if it happen then, why couldn't it happen now.

In Eph 4:5 it says that there is only 1 baptism so it's either: full immersion, pouring on a portion of your body, sprinkling, or blessing (no water at all). Baptism is the only way into the body of Christ (Gal 3:27). Jesus is described as the door (John 10:7) and we are to enter thru him. Any other way besides the path that Jesus laid out then you are considered a thief and a robber (John 10:1).

Baptism is the most important piece of information to verify since it determines your forever here after and since you are the head of your family and are to guide them in righteousness down the right road. So I encourage you to learn more, as quickly as you can since no one knows the day and hour when it'll be too late to find Him (Is 55:6)

This is why I encourage everyone to read the bible cover to cover as quickly as one can as many times as you can and obey what the bible tells you to do and stop doing what the bible tells you not to do.

ASV Acts 17:11 Now these were **more noble** than those in Thesslonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, **examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so.**

ASV Malachi 3:6 For **I, Jehovah, change not;** therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

ASV Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, **let God be found true**, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy words, And mightest prevail when thou comest into judgment.

ASV Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because **ye shut the kingdom of heaven against men**: for ye enter not in yourselves, neither **suffer ye them that are entering in to enter**.

ASV Matthew 7:22-23

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

ASV Ephesians 4:5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**,

ASV Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ did put on Christ**.

ASV John 10:7 Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door** of the sheep.

ASV John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth **not by the door** into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same **is a thief and a robber**.

ASV Isaiah 55:6 **Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found**; call ye upon him **while he is near**:
