

DOES BAPTISM SAVE?

Lesson 5

Does Baptism Save?

I. HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH IS FORMED

Acts 2:36-41 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

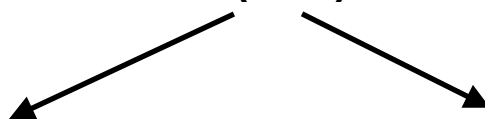
What about baptism?

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **FOR** the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1. Does _____ save?

The controversy swirls around the word “for” [eis]

Jesse James is wanted (**FOR**) murder.



as a result of

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B. The order of the _____ say no.

1. _____

Acts 2:41 ⁴¹So then, those who had **RECEIVED** his word were **BAPTIZED**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

2. _____

C. Only _____ is mentioned after Peter's sermon.

Acts 2:44 And all those who had **BELIEVED** were together and had all things in common;

Acts 4:4 But many of those who had heard the message **BELIEVED**; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Acts 4:32 And the congregation of those who **BELIEVED** were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

Acts 8:12 But when they **BELIEVED** Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

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Acts 8:13 Even Simon himself **BELIEVED**; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, “If you **BELIEVE** with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

Acts 9:42 It became known all over Joppa, and many **BELIEVED** in the Lord.

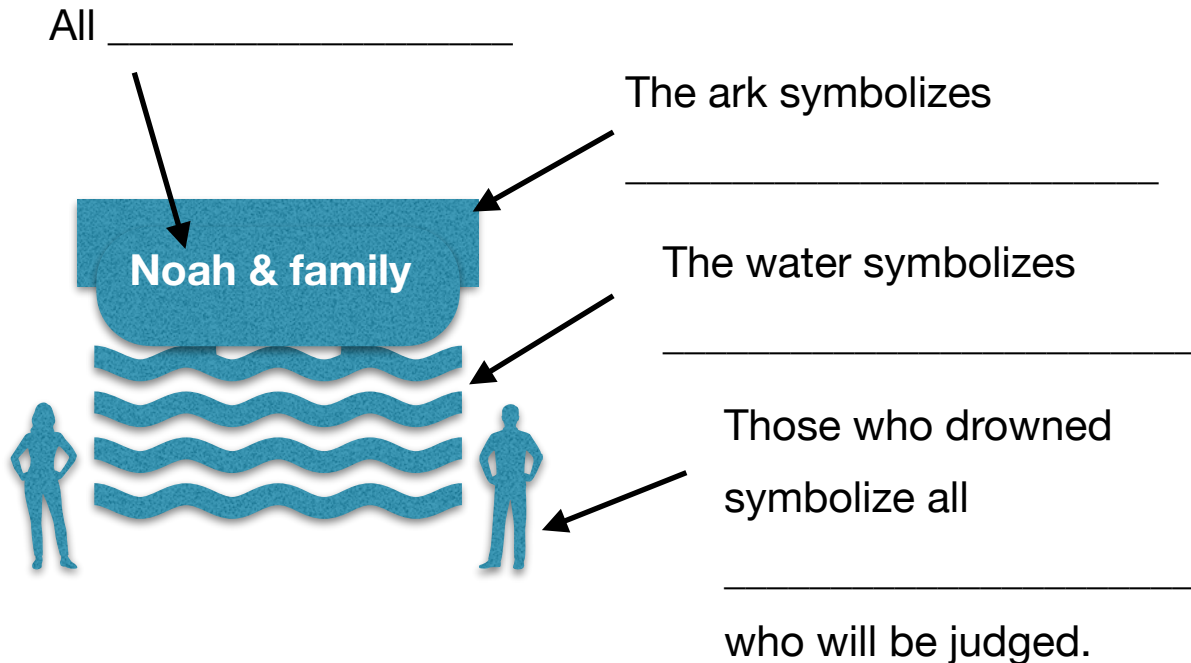
This is Peter speaking again about salvation.

Acts 10:43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who **BELIEVED** in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

Acts 11:21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who **BELIEVED** turned to the Lord.

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D. _____ never preached that baptism saves.



1 Peter 3:20-21 ²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

Each of the elements of the story are pictures or symbols of redemption.

What is Peter's main emphasis? The _____

What about Noah & his family?

They represent all _____ who take safety in the ark.

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What about the ark?

The ark symbolizes _____.

What about the water?

The water symbolizes _____.

What about those who drowned?

They symbolize all _____ who
are exposed to gospel but won't believe.

²¹Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you

“Corresponding” [antitypos] ... Antitype

The story of Noah is a picture that points forward
to “baptism” that now saves.

Ark (physical picture)  Spiritual reality

—not the removal of dirt from the flesh,

but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ,

External rituals do not save one from guilt, it's
received by faith in Christ (the ark.)

Scripture uses baptism in two ways

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- Physical immersion into water (wet baptism)
- Spiritual immersion (dry baptism) into Christ

1 Corinthians 10:1–2 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea;

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **(water baptism)** but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Hebrews 9:13–14 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your **conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

E. _____ did not believe water baptism saves.

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1 Corinthians 1:17 ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.

F. _____ **didn't believe that water baptism saved.**

1 John 5:13 ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:5 ⁵Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?

G. _____ **didn't believe baptism saves.**

John 3:16-18 ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does **NOT BELIEVE** has been judged already, because he has **NOT BELIEVED** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jesus never baptized anyone.

John 4:1–2 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),

Matthew 3:11 “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I,

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and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

ANSWERS: baptism, result, cause, grammar, verbs, belief, water baptism, belief, Peter, ark, believers, salvation, judgment, unbelievers, Paul, John, Jesus