



What Does the Bible Say About Baptism?

God Warns Us of Destruction



- **Romans 3:10-23** “**10 ... There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.**” **13** “**Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.**” “**The poison of vipers is on their lips. 14** “**Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. 15** “**Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways,**” ...*(cont.)*... **23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**”
- **Romans 6:23** - “**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”
- **Psalm 51:5** - “**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**”
- **Ephesians 2:1,3** - “**1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins... 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**”

God Invites All to be Saved



- **1 Timothy 2:4** - “**4 (God) who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**”
- **Mark 16:16** - “**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**”
- **Matthew 28:19-20** - “**19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”
- **Acts 2:38-39** - “**38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”**
- **Mark 10:13-16** - “**13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.”** (see also **Luke 18:15-17**)
- **Acts 16:30-31** - “**30 Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”**
- **Colossians 2:11-12** “**11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.**”
- **Galatians 3:27** - “**27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**”

God Initiates Our Salvation.



- **Ephesians 2:4-5,8-9,13** - *“4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*
- **1 Peter 3:21** - *“Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”*
- **Titus 3:5-6** - *“5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior;”*
- **Matthew 18:3,6** - *“3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.... 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”*

God’s Gift of Baptism



- **Acts 2:38** - *“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.””*
- **John 3:3-5** - *“3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”*
- **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** - *“12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 **For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”*
- **Galatians 3:26-29** *“26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, **heirs according to promise.**”*
- **Romans 6:1-4** - *“1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus **were baptized into his death?** 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life.**”*

Examples of Baptism: Acts 8:26-38; Acts 9:1-19, Acts 10:34-48, Acts 16:25-33; John 3:1-21

Connection to Circumcision: Genesis 17:10-14, Leviticus 12:3, Deuteronomy 10:16, 30:6, Jeremiah 4:4, Romans 2:25-29

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