

# Baptism

## Bible Study Course

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# The Key to Understanding the Word of God

1. Humble yourself in the sight of God and He shall lift you up. James 4:10 *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."*
2. Take a vacation from those things you know are wrong, and receive the Word of God with meekness, allowing it to save your soul. James 1:21 *".... lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."*
3. Allow God to care the cares of your life, so you can focus on His Word. 1 Peter 5:7 *"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."*
4. Study the Word of God, with effort and diligence. 2 Timothy 2:15 *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*
5. Be faithful to what you know is right, by the Word of God. Proverbs 28:20 *"A faithful man shall abound with blessings:...."*
6. Let God's Word into your life. Colossians 3:16 *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom ...."*

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# Chapter 1

## I. What Is Baptism?

### Read Matthew 3

- John the Baptist is the first mention of Baptism, as we know it today. From our reading we can see some very important things about Baptism, of which many will be discussed in our study. Since this was the Baptism that Jesus Christ submitted himself to, we will attempt to examine it, and follow the example of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### A. The meaning of baptism.

- The word *baptize* comes from the Greek word *bapto*. The word *bapto* means, “to dip, to immerse, to cover wholly (completely), as a pickle when it is pickled.” This word was transliterated into the English as Baptize. To follow our example Jesus Christ and to fulfill the intent of the word *bapto*, there are three things must happen when you are baptized:

#1 - You must be immersed - “put down into the water.”

#2 - You must be submerged - “totally covered by the water.”

#3 - You must be emerged - “brought up out of the water.”

Getting baptized any other way does not fulfill the meaning of the word *baptize*.

### B. The manner of baptism.

1. In Matthew 3:6, John the Baptist was baptizing people in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** Please notice that John the Baptist was baptizing people “*in Jordan*” (*in the Jordan River*). If the proper manner of baptism was *sprinkling* people with water, then why would they go *in the river*? Granted, children may like to get *in the water* whenever

they can (*they like to walk through mud puddles, instead of going around them*), but adults are not normally like that. Adults do not enjoy walking around with their feet sloshing in soaking wet shoes. Adults do not like to go around in soaking wet clothes that cling heavily to them. If *sprinkling* was the proper manner of baptism, then they would not have gone *in* the water. They would have stood *beside* the water, and just dipped their fingers down into the water and lightly sprinkled the person.

2. In verse 16 of that same chapter, Jesus went up out of the \_\_\_\_\_ after getting baptized.

**Note:** The former point is made again. If the proper manner of baptism was *sprinkling*, then why were they *in* the water and had to *come up out of* it?

**Truly the proper manner of Baptism is to be fully immersed, submerged and emerged.**

3. Read Acts 8:36, 38

- According to Acts 8:38, both Philip and the eunuch “went \_\_\_\_\_ both into the water,” and then Philip baptized (*immersed, covered*) him with water.

**Note:** Remember the eunuch’s question? (see verse 36) “See, *here is water*; what doth hinder me to be baptized?” If *sprinkling* was the proper manner of baptism, then why did he ask about being baptized when he saw that they were near a body of water? If sprinkling was an acceptable manner of baptism, then why did he not ask as they were traveling along, “Philip, would you please stop the chariot; break out your canteen; and baptize me (*sprinkle me*)?” Why did he not do that? Because he knew that the very *meaning* of the word *baptism* means to *go down into the water*.

**There is never any mention in the Bible of “sprinkling” or “pouring” water over someone to baptize him. It doesn't follow the example of Christ, it doesn't fit the meaning of the word *bapto*, and it doesn't follow the example in Scripture.**



## C. The message of baptism.

**Note:** Baptism is an *outward act of identification* with someone or something. That is why the manner in which you are baptized is so important, because *it is a message in picture form*.

1. Please read Matthew 3:1-11, and fill in the following blanks.
  - a. John's message was for people to repent, because the kingdom of heaven was "at \_\_\_\_\_" (*close or near*). (vs. 2)
  - b. The people went out and publicly identified themselves with his message by being "\_\_\_\_\_ of him" and confessing their sins. (vs.6)
  - c. John said that there was coming after him a person who "is \_\_\_\_\_ than I," a person whose shoes he was not worthy to \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.11)

**John's message was that the long awaited Messiah (*the Saviour*) was coming, and that people needed to repent and get ready for Him. Those people who believed his message openly identified themselves with it by being baptized.**

**Note:** It is obvious that some were coming just for the outward show and did not really believe, as is seen in verses 7 and 8.

- Matthew 21:25-27 explains that some refused to believe that John's message was "from \_\_\_\_\_," and not just of men.
    - These men only viewed baptism as political posturing and did not see Christ as the Messiah, the Saviour of all those that would identify with and trust in Him.
2. In Matthew 3:13-17, Jesus was baptized by John to be identified with fulfilling "all \_\_\_\_\_." (vs.15)

**Note:** Jesus had never sinned, so He had no need of repentance. But Jesus wanted to legitimize and *publicly identify* with John's message from heaven, so He was baptized. Immediately after the baptism, we see the passing of the baton as God the Father says, "*This is my beloved Son,*

*in whom I am well pleased*", signifying that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the One whom John the Baptist was preparing the way for.

3. Matthew 28:18-20 states that we are to get baptized "in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_."
- Other verses in Acts say that we should be baptized in the name of Jesus.
    - Is this a contradiction or a new "way" of baptism? Not at all.
      - Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
      - Acts 19:4-5 "Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."
    - We believe the Apostles were following Christ's command from Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" when Peter and Paul uttered the words that others should be "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus".
      - The phrase, "in the name of the Lord Jesus" was to show a distinction between the Baptism of Jesus and the Baptism of John the Baptist.
        - Read Acts 18:24-19:5
          - Those that try to make a distinction between baptizing in the Name of Jesus or in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are missing the point of the distinction made in Scripture.

**It is clear that Baptizing in the name of Jesus is to baptize as Jesus said to, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."**

4. Romans 6:3-5 shows that \_\_\_\_\_ is a picture of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

**Note:** The message of baptism is that we believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, repenting of our own sin, and publicly identify ourselves with Jesus Christ the Messiah. When we go under the water, it pictures our death to the old life of sin. When we come up out of the water, it pictures our new life in Christ, and signifies a departure from our old way of life. Baptism is therefore an outward picture of what has taken place inwardly in our hearts.

**When people get saved, they should not be ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has provided a means to ensure that you are not ashamed — getting baptized.**

**There is no better way to show that you are unashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ, than to publicly submit to believer's baptism.**

5. Romans 10:11 says, "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be \_\_\_\_\_."

# Chapter 2

## II. why Be Baptized?

### A. To obey the command of Scripture.

1. Matthew 28:19 commands us to, “go ye therefore,” to “teach,” and to, “\_\_\_\_\_” people.
2. In Acts 2:38, the command is to “repent and be \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. When Cornelius and his friends got saved in Acts 10:24,48, Peter then “\_\_\_\_\_ them to be baptized” in verse 48.

**Note:** It is very clear that all believers are *commanded* to be baptized. So a good reason to be baptized is simply to obey the Lord.

4. John 14:15 says “If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me” (*Jesus*), then we should keep His commandments.
5. According to James 1:22-25, we are to be “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Word, and not hearers only.”
6. James 4:17 states that if we know to do something good, and we do not do it, then we are committing \_\_\_\_\_.

**Illustration:** There are many reasons that people give for not being baptized.

### **Some people are afraid of water.**

We can sympathize with their fear, but we often have to do things in life of which we might be afraid. How about children who are afraid of going to the dentist? Would you counsel them to go? Or would it be better to suffer with cavities and aching teeth? It would definitely be better to go to the dentist — despite the fear! Although the thought of getting put under the water may be fearful for some, getting baptized is for his/her own spiritual good. It is the first step of obedience to the Lord, and it will strengthen the person's spiritual life, as he or she identifies with the Lord in His Death, Burial, and Resurrection for you.

### **Some people are afraid of crowds.**

We can sympathize with their fear, too. But many people are also scared-to-death at their weddings as they stand before a crowd of



people. Do they then call off the wedding? No, they go ahead with it anyways. Why? Because they love the person so much, they are willing to face a little time of nervousness. Although people may be nervous about getting baptized in front of a crowd of people, they should still do it out of love for the Lord, and because they are not ashamed of Him, as they show the world that they are in Christ and part of His Church.

— *Why Should We Be Baptized?*

## **B. To openly confess our faith in Christ.**

1. Matthew 10:32 says that if we want Jesus to confess us before His Father, then we need to confess Him “before \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. According to Romans 6:3,4, baptism is a public identification of us with the death, burial, and resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Acts 8:12 shows that when the people believed Philip’s preaching about the kingdom of God, and when they believed in the name of Jesus Christ, both the men and the women “were \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Illustration:** If someone has recently had a new grandchild, what will she want to do? Show you a picture!

In the same way, when someone is newly saved, he should want to obey the Lord and show in *picture* form what has taken place in his heart.

**Baptism *pictures* death to that former life of sin, and resurrection to a fresh new life lived for Jesus Christ. It is a testimony of a new beginning.**

## **REVIEW:**

1. The first reason for getting baptized is to obey the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.
2. If we know that we should do something, and we do not do it, then we are committing \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Although some may be nervous about getting baptized in front of a crowd, they should still do it because they love the Lord and are not \_\_\_\_\_ of Him.
4. Baptism pictures the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

# Chapter 3

## III. who Should Be Baptized?

### **A. ONLY believers in Christ.**

1. In Acts 8:36, the eunuch wondered “what doth \_\_\_\_\_ me to be baptized?”
2. In the next verse, Philip told him that he could get baptized “If thou \_\_\_\_\_ with all thine heart.”  
Belief = to be fully persuaded  
Belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4);  
(Romans 10:8-13)  
Belief in the ability of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 1:12)  
Belief that you are not your own and you have been bought with a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
3. *What* he believed is made clear in verse 37 when he said, “I believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is the Son of God.”
4. Acts 2:41 makes it clear that they “Gladly \_\_\_\_\_ his word” *before* they were baptized.

**Note:** Some churches claim that baptism is to be performed on babies as a sign of circumcision (*or as a New Testament replacement for circumcision*), but that cannot be supported from the Bible.

**First**, the Bible never teaches anywhere that baptism is supposed to take the place of circumcision.

**Second**, to teach that baptism is to be performed on babies as a sign of circumcision is a very inconsistent interpretation and application, because only baby boys were circumcised. But churches who baptize babies, baptize both *boy* and *girl* babies. If baptism is supposed to be a New Testament replacement for circumcision, then why are they baptizing baby girls?

**Third**, if baptism is to be performed on babies as a New Testament replacement of circumcision, then why do we see no examples of it in the New Testament? We never see in the New Testament any parents bringing their newborn babies to the church leaders to be baptized. Why? Because the Bible is very clear that a person cannot be baptized until that person is saved. A baby

does not yet realize that he/she is a sinner in need of salvation.

— *Who Should Get Baptized?*

A. *ONLY believers in Christ.*

## **B. ALL believers in Christ.**

1. In Matthew 28:18,19, we are commanded to not only teach all nations how to be saved, but we are also to \_\_\_\_\_ them once they are saved.
2. Peter tells all the crowd to repent and be \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 2:38.
3. Acts 8:12 shows that Philip baptized “both men and \_\_\_\_\_” after they got saved.
4. Acts 16:14,15 reveals that a woman named Lydia “and her \_\_\_\_\_” were baptized after they were saved.

**Baptism is not just limited to men who get saved, or to those that like water.**

**Baptism is for all who are old enough to repent of their sins and receive the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The men, the women, and the children who personally trust Jesus Christ as their Saviour should be baptized.**

## **REVIEW:**

1. What must a person do before he/she can get baptized?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. List three reasons why baptism is not a New Testament replacement for circumcision.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who should get baptized?
  - a. Saved men? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - b. Saved women? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - c. Saved children? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - d. People that got saved after they were already baptized?  
☐ YES ☐ NO

# Chapter 4

## IV. When Should We Be Baptized?

### **A. AFTER we believe the Gospel.**

1. Mark 16:16 reveals that \_\_\_\_\_ comes *before* being baptized.
2. According to Acts 8:12, "when they \_\_\_\_\_ Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of \_\_\_\_\_, they were baptized, both men and women"
3. In Acts 8:35-37, the eunuch was hindered from getting baptized until "thou \_\_\_\_\_ with all of thine heart." (*He believed that Jesus Christ is the son of God*)

Why is **belief** so important prior to his baptism?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:15)

Prior to Baptism, God dwells with the Believer.

Prior to Baptism, according to Acts 10:43, a believer receives \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

We are not saved through baptism. Only Christians get baptized.

### **B. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after we are saved.**

1. The people who believed Peter's preaching in Acts 2:38-41 were baptized "the \_\_\_\_\_ day." (vs. 41)
2. The eunuch, in Acts 8:35-37, was baptized at the first place where there was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Acts 9:1-9;17,18 relates that Saul was saved, and \_\_\_\_\_ days later was baptized.
4. In Acts 10:43-48, Peter preaches a message and people repent and get saved. *The first thing* that Peter then says is, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be \_\_\_\_\_?" (vs.47)
5. The jailer in Acts 16:25-33 was saved and baptized "the same \_\_\_\_\_ of the night."

**The Scriptural example is to baptize new Christians as soon as possible.**



6. Acts 8:35-38 says, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth \_\_\_\_\_ me to be \_\_\_\_\_? And Philip said, If thou \_\_\_\_\_ with all thine heart, thou \_\_\_\_\_. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**Note:** It is here that we need to ask a question: "Is the decision to get baptized *more important* that the decision to get *saved*?" Of course not.

7. I Corinthians 1:17 says, "For Christ sent me not to \_\_\_\_\_, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

**Note:** Paul was not teaching that baptism is unimportant, but that the first and foremost calling is to preach the gospel. Unless people get saved, they are going to spend eternity in hell. Baptism cannot save. Baptism is only a picture of what has taken place inside a person's life.

**Question:** How old does a person have to be to get saved? What did Jesus say? That you have to be 10 years old? Or 16 years old? Or 21 years old? What did He say?

8. Matthew 19:13,14 says, "Then were there brought unto him \_\_\_\_\_ children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the \_\_\_\_\_ them. But Jesus said, Suffer \_\_\_\_\_ children, and forbid them not, to \_\_\_\_\_ unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

9. Matthew 18:3,4 says, "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be \_\_\_\_\_, and become as \_\_\_\_\_ children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

**Note:** Jesus emphasized not only allowing *children* to come to Him, but *little* children.

**If a child is old enough to get saved, then that child is old enough to get baptized.**

10. Jesus gave His commission to the church in Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and \_\_\_\_\_ all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**A person need only realize that baptism is a command of God, and that it pictures the death to the old life of sin, and resurrection to a new life lived for Jesus Christ.**

**Illustration:** If, on your first day at work, an alarm sounds and your foreman yells, “Fire! Follow me!”, what will you do? Stand there and demand some explanation first? How did the fire start? Who started it? What type of material was burning? How far away the fire station is? If any employee has ever lost his life in a fire there?

When a command is given, you do not stand there and ask questions — you simply obey. There will be time later to learn the full extent of the fire.

**The best thing to do now, is to obey the Bible.**

**Many things are made clearer as the Christian studies his Bible and grows.**

**The Christian’s greatest problem is not usually a lack of Bible knowledge, (*although there is always much more to learn*).**

**The Christian's biggest problem is normally that he is not obeying what he already knows he should be doing.**

**Getting baptized is the first command after salvation.**

**That should be reason enough to simply obey the Lord in Believer's Baptism.**

### **REVIEW:**

1. Believing comes \_\_\_\_\_ being baptized.
2. The people who believed Peter's preaching were baptized the same \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Saul was baptized \_\_\_\_\_ days after he was saved.
4. The jailer was saved and baptized the same \_\_\_\_\_ of the night.
5. A person should get baptized as soon as \_\_\_\_\_ after he gets saved.
6. In the case of the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to be baptized, John refused to baptize them because they refused to confess that they had any sin. John baptized all who came "...confessing their sins." It was not that John the Baptist was advocating a *waiting period* for them — quite to the contrary, he was refusing to baptize them because they had no clear confession of their sin and their need for the Saviour. If they would have shown thus, John would have baptized them \_\_\_\_\_ — like he was doing with \_\_\_\_\_ who came.
7. If a child is old enough to get saved, then that child is old enough to get \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A person need only realize that baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and that it pictures death to the old life of sin, and resurrection to a new life lived for Jesus Christ.

# Chapter 5

## V. Who Should Do The Baptizing?

### A. Someone chosen of God.

1. In John 1:32,33, John the Baptist said God “\_\_\_\_\_ me to baptize with water.”
2. In Luke 6:13, Jesus chose 12 of His disciples for a special task, and He gave them the special name of “\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Note:** These men are seen baptizing in the book of Acts, such as in Acts 2:38-41, where \_\_\_\_\_ tells them to be baptized.

### B. Someone ordained by God’s people.

1. According to Mark 3:14, Jesus “\_\_\_\_\_ twelve” disciples that He might send them forth to preach.

**Note:** In this case, ordaining these men was publicly setting them apart for a special ministry to others.

2. 1 Timothy 4:14 shows that the presbytery (*the elders or leaders of the church*) laid their \_\_\_\_\_ on Timothy.
3. 1 Timothy 5:22 states that Timothy was to “lay hands \_\_\_\_\_ on no \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Note:** When a man is ordained to the ministry, ordained men lay their hands upon his head and pray for God’s blessing upon his ministry.

**Just as baptism is the public indication that a person is now saved and intends to live for the Lord; even so, ordination is the public indication that the church is setting apart that man for the ministry.**

4. In Acts 6:1-6, the need arose for more men to help in the church (*later these men were given the name of “deacons”*), and so the men were chosen by the congregation and set before the apostles, who then prayed for them, and “laid their \_\_\_\_\_ on them.” (vs. 6)
5. Philip was one of those ordained deacons from Acts 6, and in Acts 8:35-38, we see him going down into the water with the eunuch “and he



\_\_\_\_\_ him.”

6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:12-17; Titus 1:5

- Paul was not sent to baptize, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.
- Paul was not a pastor of a local church, he was a preacher who established churches as saints were born again in a local area. Paul then set up elders in each of these local area's called Pastors and Deacons.
- Titus was left in Crete to \_\_\_\_\_ in order the things that were wanting, and \_\_\_\_\_ elders in every city.
- Baptism is to be done by the church, as one identifies with that local assembly and with Christ.

**Only ordained men are seen in the New Testament baptizing new converts.**

Note: In Acts 9:17,18, we see \_\_\_\_\_ baptizing Saul. We are not told specifically in the Bible that he was ordained, but church history tells us that he was the pastor of the Damascus Church; thus, he would have been ordained. From these examples, we also see that ordained deacons can also baptize new converts.

**Why are church leaders the only ones seen in the New Testament baptizing new converts? Because the Leadership of the local church is the figure (or figures) that the church is known by and to operate under. It not only testifies of the authority structure and the converts willingness to submit unto it, it also acts as a filter, to ensure the doctrine stays pure.**

**Question:**

1. Have you repented of your sin, and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save you? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - a. If “Yes,” when did you get saved? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If “No,” would you like to be saved now? ☐ YES ☐ NOIf YES, get in touch with us right now. (Pastor's Cell# 317-502-8162)
2. If you are saved, have you been baptized since you were saved, by going under the water, by an ordained pastor or deacon, in an independent, doctrinally straight, Baptist Church?  
... ☐ YES ☐ NO If NO, let the church leadership know and commit to be Scripturally baptized.

# Chapter 6

## VI. Should Baptism Ever Be Repeated?

**A. Yes, baptism should be repeated *if a person was not saved when he was previously baptized.***

1. Acts 19:1-5 reveals that some people who had been baptized by John the Baptist had never believed on Jesus, so when they did make that decision, “they were \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord Jesus.”
2. According to Acts 8:36,37, permission cannot be given to be baptized until a person \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus Christ with all his heart.

If a person was “baptized” before he was truly born again, then he still has a need to be baptized. The first time was meaningless, and does not count as baptism, because there was no death to the old life of sin and resurrection of a new man — for he was still a lost sinner.

**B. Yes, baptism should be repeated *if a person was baptized in the wrong manner.***

1. Remember, the very meaning of the word *baptize* is, “to dip, to immerse, to cover \_\_\_\_\_ (completely).”
2. The example of Acts 8:38 is that of going \_\_\_\_\_ into the water.
3. The picture of Romans 6:3-5 shows that baptism pictures \_\_\_\_\_, burial, and resurrection.

If a person’s baptism consisted of being *sprinkled or poured upon*, then it was not done according to the Bible. The person’s duty is to now obey the Lord and get baptized in the proper manner.

**C. Yes, baptism should be repeated *if a person was baptized by an unqualified person.***

1. I Timothy 3:1 says, “This is a true saying, If a \_\_\_\_\_ desire the office

of a bishop, he desireth a good work.”

2. I Timothy 3:12 says, “Let the deacons be the \_\_\_\_\_ of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.”

Note: A *bishop* or *pastor* or *deacon* is to be a *man*. These are the ones that we see baptizing in the Book of Acts.

**If a person was baptized by a *woman preacher*, or by anyone other than an ordained man of God, then that person needs to be baptized again.**

***D. Yes, baptism should be repeated if a person was baptized by an unscriptural church.***

1. I Corinthians 1:17 says, “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the \_\_\_\_\_: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.
2. Galatians 2:21-3:3 says, “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the \_\_\_\_\_, are ye now made perfect by the \_\_\_\_\_?”

Note: If you were baptized by a church that believes that baptism washes away your sins, then that was not a true and scriptural baptism at all. It did not symbolize at all what baptism really pictures.

3. Acts 2:41-47 says that Baptism takes place as you here the preacher preach the gospel and one believes that gospel, repenting of their sin and accepting Christ. Once this is done, you are added to that group of believers, under the banner of that groups \_\_\_\_\_. (*Doctrine*)

**If you were baptized by a church that believes salvation can be lost, then that church does not preach a true salvation, but a mixed up faith/works salvation. Such a baptism does not picture a salvation settled on the cross, but a salvation which de-**



pend upon you and your own continued good works. If you were baptized in a church built upon false doctrine, you should be re-baptized in identification with the group of believers and with Christ's pure doctrine of salvation.

A baptism of works is not a picture of a faith that is resting totally upon Jesus' finished work. So such a baptism is a false picture, and needs to be done properly.

**E. No, a person should not get baptized again *if he was saved first, and then baptized in the proper manner by a Scriptural church.***

1. Romans 6:4 shows that when we go down into the water, we are picturing the death and burial of Jesus Christ. When we come up out of the water (verse 5), it pictures His \_\_\_\_\_, and our new life in Christ.

**To submit ourselves to two baptisms (*two proper ones*) once we have been saved is totally against the Bible. It would then be picturing two deaths, two burials, and two resurrections of Jesus Christ.**

2. Hebrews 9:28 makes it very clear that, "Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ offered to bear the sins of many."

**Note:** To get baptized again would then be picturing that the new life in Christ had ended, and that can never happen.

3. John 6:37 says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise \_\_\_\_\_ out."
4. Hebrews 6:1-2 says that we are not to lay again the foundations which have already been laid: concerning repentance, faith, \_\_\_\_\_, laying on of hands, the resurrection, and eternal judgment.

**Note:** If a foundation has been properly laid, then it will last a lifetime. If you trust Jesus Christ once, then you need never make



that decision again — that foundation has been laid. He will last for your “eternal lifetime.” Likewise, if you have followed the Lord in believer’s baptism according to the Bible, then you need never get baptized again.

## **REVIEW:**

1. Baptism should be repeated if a person was not saved when he was "\_\_\_\_\_".
2. If a person was baptized before he was truly born again, then it is his duty to be baptized again. The first time was \_\_\_\_\_, because there was no death to the old life of sin — for he was still a lost sinner.
3. Baptism should be repeated if a person was baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ manner.
4. If a person’s baptism consisted of being \_\_\_\_\_ *or poured upon*, then it was not done according to the Bible. The person’s duty is to now obey the Lord and get baptized in the proper manner.
5. Baptism should be repeated if a person was baptized by an \_\_\_\_\_ person.
6. Baptism should be repeated if a person was baptized by an \_\_\_\_\_ church.
7. A person should not get baptized again if he was saved first, and then baptized in the proper manner, by a qualified person in a \_\_\_\_\_ church.
8. To submit ourselves to two baptisms once we have been saved is totally against the Bible. It would then be picturing two \_\_\_\_\_, two \_\_\_\_\_, and two \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

# FINAL TEST

## Baptism

1. The word baptize means, “to dip, to immerse, to \_\_\_\_\_ wholly (completely).”
2. A person is giving a statement which contradicts itself if he says, “I was \_\_\_\_\_ by sprinkling.”
3. Baptism is an outward act of \_\_\_\_\_ with someone or something.
4. We are to get baptized in the name of:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
5. When we go under the water, it pictures our \_\_\_\_\_ to the old life of sin.
6. When we come up out of the water, it pictures our new \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
7. The first reason for getting baptized is to \_\_\_\_\_ the command of Scripture.
8. If we know we should do something, and do not do it, then we are committing \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Although someone may be nervous about getting baptized in front of a crowd, he should still do it because he loves the Lord and is not \_\_\_\_\_ of Him.
10. What must a person do before he can get baptized? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Believing comes \_\_\_\_\_ being baptized.
12. We should be baptized as soon as \_\_\_\_\_ after we are saved.
13. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ be repeated if a person was not saved when he was baptized.

14. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ be repeated if a person was baptized in the wrong manner.
15. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ be repeated if a person was baptized by an unqualified person.
16. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ be repeated if a person was baptized by an unscriptural church.
17. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ be repeated if a person was saved first, and then baptized in the proper manner by a qualified person from a scriptural church.

**I hope this Bible Study has been a blessing to you. This is just one of many Bible Studies we have available at McGregor Road Baptist Church. If you would like further study on a topic, please let us know.**

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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE**

### **Sunday**

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| • Sunday School for all ages       | 9:30am  |
| • Sunday Preaching Service         | 10:40am |
| • Youth Night for Ages K-8th grade | 5:30pm  |
| • Interactive Bible Study          | 6:00pm  |

### **Wednesday**

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| • Preaching & Prayer Service | 7:00pm |
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