

What the Bible Says About
Baptism
Matthew 28:19-20

I. The Blunders of Baptism.

A. Inappropriate Authority.

1. Only the church has the authority to Baptize. Matthew 28:20
2. The church must be a scriptural Church. 2 Peter 2:1, 2

B. Inappropriate Method.

1. Baptize - from the Greek "Baptizo".
2. It does not mean to Sprinkle.
 - a. The Greek word for sprinkle is "rantizo".
 - b. Sprinkling provides an inaccurate picture.
3. It does not mean to pour.
 - a. The Greek word for pour is "echeo".
 - b. Pouring water over the candidate provides an inaccurate picture.
4. It does mean to immerse.
 - a. Christ was buried completely in the tomb and the tomb sealed.
 - b. Anything less than baptism by immersion is an inaccurate picture.
 - c. Matthew 3:16, John 3:23, Acts 8:38-39.

C. Inappropriate Person

1. The candidate must be saved not safe.
 - a. The order is believe then be baptized.
 - b. Infants are not a scriptural candidate for Baptism.
 - c. Acts 8:38-39, Acts 2:41
2. Saved not Seeking Salvation.
 - a. Many use Acts 2:38 to require baptism as a part of salvation.
 - b. The word "for" should be translated because of.
 - c. You are not baptized for the forgiveness of sin, but rather you are baptized because your sins are forgiven.
 - d. Romans 10:9, John 3:16, John 3:18

D. Inappropriate Attitude.

1. Some believe Baptism is not important.
2. The Great Commission commands it. Matthew 28:19-20
3. Jesus did it. Matthew 3:13
4. The early church administered it. Acts 2:41
5. The Apostle Paul submitted to it. Acts 9:18

II. The Beauty of Baptism. Romans 6:3-11

A. Baptism Reflects Our Relationship.

1. Roman 6:3-4, "We are buried together with Him".
2. Baptism, a picture of the death of the old man.

B. The Relief.

1. Vs 6-7, "We have been made freed from sin".
2. Sin no longer has dominion over us.

C. The Resurrection.

1. We are raised to walk in newness of life.
2. Newness – extraordinary, supernatural life.
3. Romans 6:9
4. Romans 6:5