







Acts 2:37-38

"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 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."

BAPTISM



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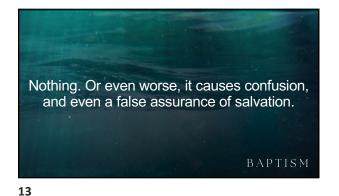


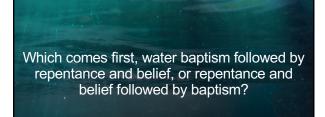
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What does baptizing a non-repentant nonbelieving person accomplish?





BAPTISM

In every case of baptism, whether it was by John the Baptist or after Christ resurrection and ascension, baptism always followed repentance and belief.

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Baptism Part II

1. Read Romans 6:3-4 and Colossians 2:12. What does a person's baptism signify according to these passages?

How is this spiritual truth depicted in baptism by immersion?

- 2. Some professing Christians believe that a person must be baptized to be saved, and that even if a person has repented and believed in Christ for their salvation, they are not saved until or unless they are baptized. What would you say to such a person?
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Ephesians 4:6-7. Does this baptism appear to be referring to water baptism or baptism of the Holy Spirit which now occurs at salvation?
- 4. Public baptism seems to be important in the examples that we read of both with John's baptisms and that of the apostles as well. What would you say if someone was shy, introverted, bashful, etc. and

wanted to baptize themselves in the privacy of their own home?

- 5. According to Acts 18:8 how many people of Crispus' house believed? Can the use of the word "household" be used to prove explicitly that there were babies in the household who were baptized?
- 6. Read Acts 16:32-34. Is there anything in this passage that proves infants were present, or that infants were baptized?
- 7. How could infant baptism lead to confusion regarding membership into the New Covenant? Salvation?
- 8. How would you advise a parent who is concerned about their child's salvation and has heard that there are great benefits to baptize their infant, child, or teen even in the absence of repentance and belief?