

## REPENTANCE & BAPTISM - 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.**”*

- ⊙ **Repentance and forgiveness of sins in Christ** is the principle being emphasized, for salvation. Salvation is obtained by faith, and *baptism is the outward demonstration of such conversion. **OBSERVE: Acts 2:41 & 44 (Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; 10:43-48)***
- ⊙ *And be baptized every one of you...*

Peter is saying: *“Take unto you the public profession of the faith...belief in Christ, and by being baptized you acknowledge or show yourselves to be disciples of Christ.”*

Baptism points out or symbolizes the purifying act of conversion; and it is in reference to that purification that baptism is administered, for baptism itself does not purify the heart/conscience (1 Peter 3:21); baptism only points out the grace by which this has been done.

- ⊙ It was by being baptized that persons took upon themselves the public profession of Christianity; and it was in consequence of this public act of baptism; that the disciples of Christ were called CHRISTIANS.
- ⊙ The Jews had not been baptized; and a baptism now would be a profession of the religion of Christ, or a declaration made before the world that they embraced Jesus as their Messiah. It was equivalent to saying that they should publicly embrace Jesus Christ as their Saviour.
- ⊙ *In the name of Jesus Christ...*

**The usual form of baptism is in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Here it does not mean to be baptized by the authority of Jesus Christ; but it means to be baptized for him and his service; to be consecrated in this way, and by this public profession, to him, and to his cause. The name of Jesus Christ means the same as Jesus Christ himself. To be baptized to his name is to be devoted to him. Jesus' way & instruction for baptism was *“in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit”*... and that is more than likely what Peter did or else Peter would have disregarded Jesus' instructions & would be disobedient to Jesus' command.**

*There is nothing in baptism itself that can wash away sin...This can only be done by the pardoning mercy of God through the atonement of Christ. But baptism is expressive of a willingness to be pardoned in that way; and a solemn declaration of our conviction that there is no other way of remission. He who comes to be baptized, comes with a professed conviction that he is a sinner, that there is no other way of mercy but in the gospel, and with a professed willingness to comply with the terms of salvation, and receive it as it is offered through Jesus Christ.*

- ⊙ The Greek term [*METANOEO*] rendered "*repent,*" means a change of mind. They already sorrowed; but a change of purpose was required. *It was to be an internal change which resolves to serve the Lord. The act of obedience in baptism is an outward expression of both faith and repentance.*
  - ⊙ The convicted, broken-hearted, sorrowing sinner, believing that Jesus is the Christ, is to *repent and **THEN** be baptized.*
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### **REPENTANCE & BAPTISM - Mark 16:16-17**

- ⊙ The instruction which Christ gave to his apostles was that they should baptize all who believed...Every one who believes should be baptized. Observe what Christ said about those who did not believe...
  - ⊙ "*But he that believeth not shall be damned*" Whether baptized or unbaptized, they shall perish because they have not believed. No one without believing can be saved. (*John 3:18, 36; 1 John 5:10-13*)
  - ⊙ It is worthy of remark, that Jesus made baptism of so much importance, when that was not His usual point of emphasis. But note that Jesus did not say that a person could not be saved without baptism, but he strongly implied that where baptism is neglected, knowing it to be a command of the Saviour, it should cast a doubt regarding the salvation of the person. Because if a new convert is really saved they should want to be baptized as an outward confirmation of their inward conversion.
  - ⊙ Faith and baptism are the beginnings of a Christian life: Faith is the beginning of salvation of the soul, while baptism is the manifestation of that salvation decision.
  - ⊙ In other words; when one believes by faith; then baptism is the profession of ones commitment to Christianity.
  - ⊙ They were to exercise repentance; and then, without any unnecessary delay, evidence their conversion thru the ordinance of baptism. Baptism is the visible seal of that conversion.
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### **Hebrews 10:22**

- ⊙ Read the context (Vs. 19-23)

This is **NOT referring to water baptism**; but to the consecration of the levitical priests by the sprinkling of blood and the washing of water (Lev. 8:6,23-24,30) which fore-shadowed or typified the true consecration of believers to their spiritual priesthood by the sprinkling of the blood of Christ, and the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. (*Titus 3:5*)

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### **1 Peter 3:20-21**

(20) *...when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, **eight souls were saved BY water.***

(21) *The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

### **ANOTHER VERSION SAYS...**

20) *“...while God's longsuffering was patiently waiting in the days of Noah during the building of the Ark, in which a few persons--eight in number--**were brought safely through the water / saved from the water.**”*

(21) *“**And baptism, foreshadowed/typified/ symbolized what salvation is; which is what saves you**— we are not speaking of cleansing of the body or washing the flesh clean, but the search of a clear conscience/consciousness of God thru the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”*

- ⊙ The waters of the flood could not have saved Noah and his family, had they not made use of the ark; likewise, **water baptism saves no one**. The ark was not immersed in the water; if the ark was immersed, they would have all perished. Therefore they were not saved or delivered by water as the English translation implies; but delivered or saved from the flood water.
- ⊙ The salvation or deliverance of Noah & family, from the flood waters, by the ark, prefigures our salvation from God's wrath. All that were outside the ark perished, and all within the ark were saved. For those who are engrafted into Christ by faith... baptism is a seal for the saved. *Noah's deliverance in the ark, and our baptism, are figures of salvation. Both represent a living burial, a passage from the old life into the new life, by death and resurrection.*