



# FAITH AND BAPTISM



## TWO EXAMPLES

- **Acts 2:38 ESV**, *"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.'"*
- **Acts 22:16 ESV**, *"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'"*



# WHAT IS BAPTISM?

- **Romans 6:1–4 ESV**, *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.”*



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- **1 Peter 3:19–21 ESV**, “[Jesus ] went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 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.”



# WHAT IS BAPTISM?

- **1 Corinthians 10:1–4 ESV**, *“For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”*



## GRACE AND FAITH?

- **Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV**, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
- We are not commending baptism as a work that saves us without faith.
- **Hebrews 11:7 ESV**, “By faith Noah... constructed an ark for the saving of his household.”
- **Hebrews 11:29 ESV**, “By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.”



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- **Colossians 2:11–14 ESV**, *“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, 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. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”*



# CLARIFICATIONS

- We are not saying God **cannot** save someone with faith apart from baptism (cf. Luke 23:39-43; remember: baptism did not yet carry the weight of Jesus' death, burial, resurrection)
- **Romans 10:9–13 ESV**, *“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”*



## DOES THIS MATTER?

- **Ephesians 4:1–3 ESV**, *“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*
- **Ephesians 4:3–6 ESV**, *“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*
- **2 Corinthians 11:1-4** — The Corinthians were too accepting



# CONCLUSION

**Titus 3:3–8 ESV**, *“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared...”*



# CONCLUSION

**Titus 3:3–8 ESV**, “... 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, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.”