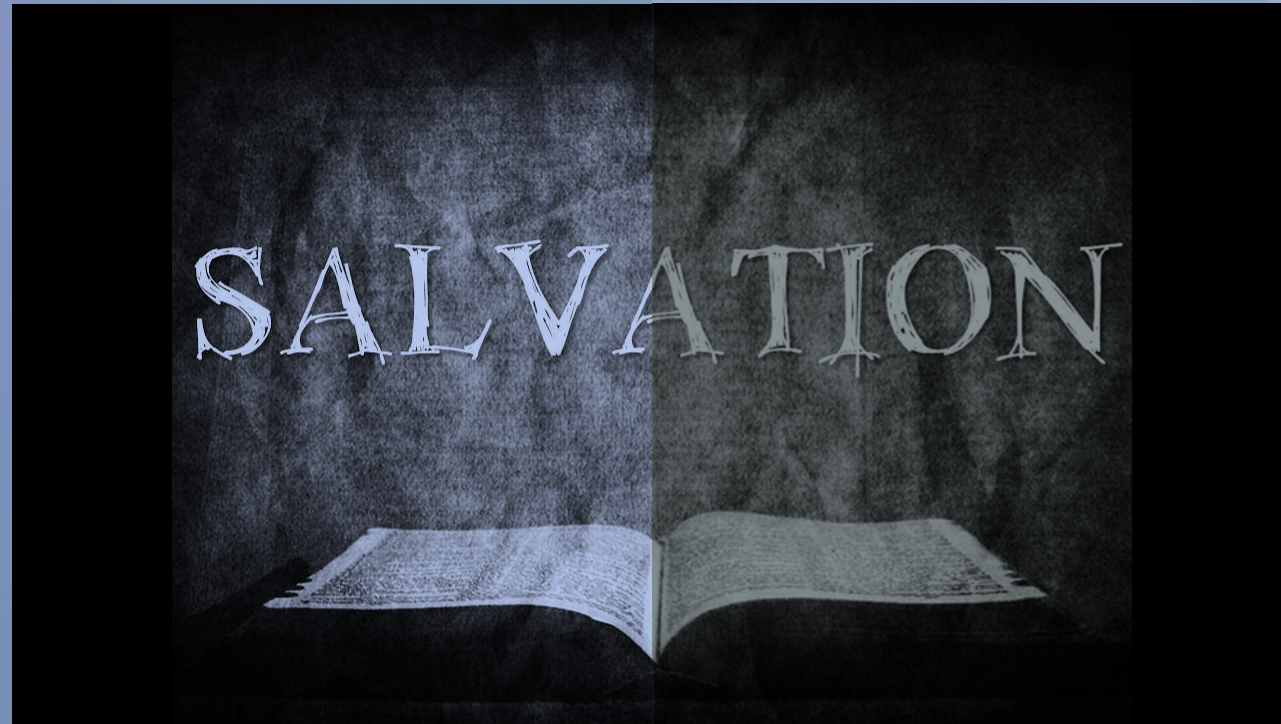


# Questions of Salvation



# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
  - What is included?
  - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
  - What is included?
  - What is excluded?

# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup> For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,  
<sup>9</sup> **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



# How would you define GRACE?

## ▶ Hebrew:

- ▶ כֶּן – *chen (khen)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, merciful kindness

## ▶ Greek:

- ▶ ΧΑΡΙΣ – *charis (kharis)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, given freely and generously
- ▶ The Gift of God – δῶρον – *doron* = that which is given or granted

# If we are Saved by Grace...



- What is included?
  - Eternal Life
  - All Spiritual blessings
  - Spiritual gifts
- What is excluded?
  - Works
  - The Law

If we are Saved  
through Faith...



- What else is included?
  - Trust
  - Repentance
  - Confession
  - Baptism?

# How would you define baptism?

## ▶ Hebrew

- ▶  $\text{רָחַץ}$  - *rachets* = “to wash, to bath” = used to refer to ceremonial (ritual) cleansing

## ▶ Greek

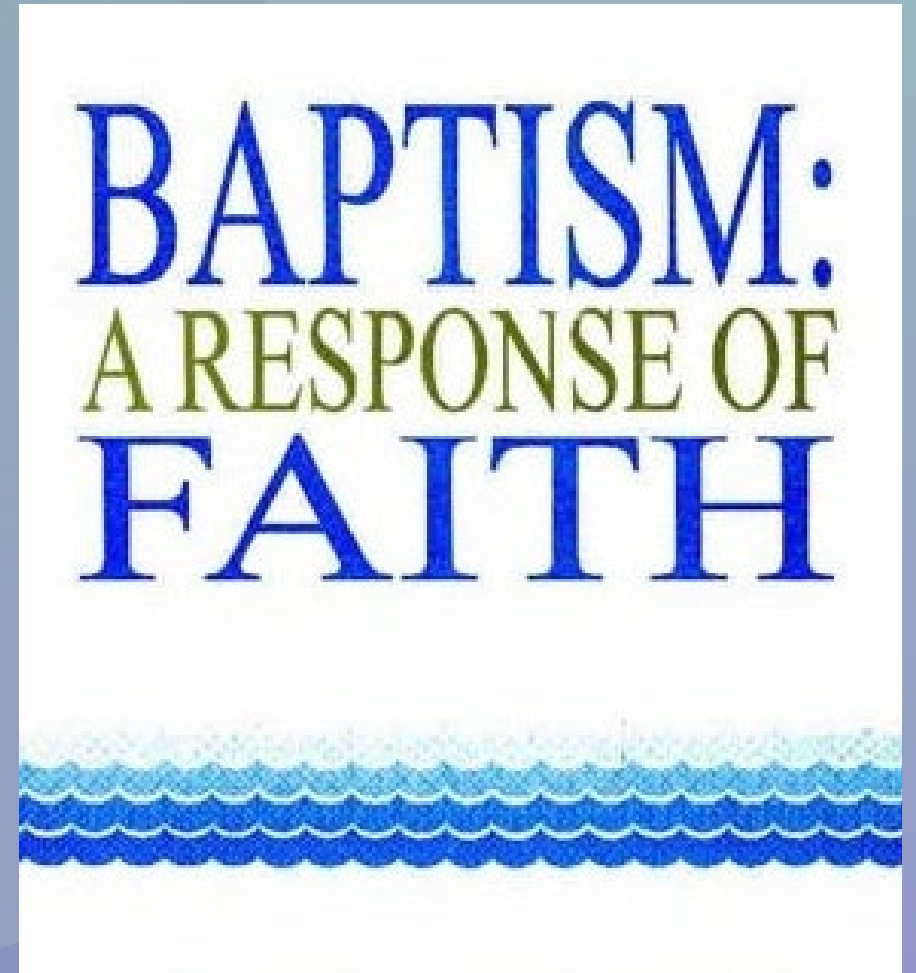
- ▶ Βάπτισμα – *baptisma* = “baptism” = process of immersion, submersion, and emergence
- ▶ Βάπτισω – *baptizo* = “to baptize” = to dip by submerging (as in dyeing a garment or drawing of water by dipping one vessel into another); to be overwhelmed

# Is Baptism Part of a Saving Faith?

## ▶ Gal. 3:25-27

But now that **faith** has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, **through faith**. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have **put on Christ**.

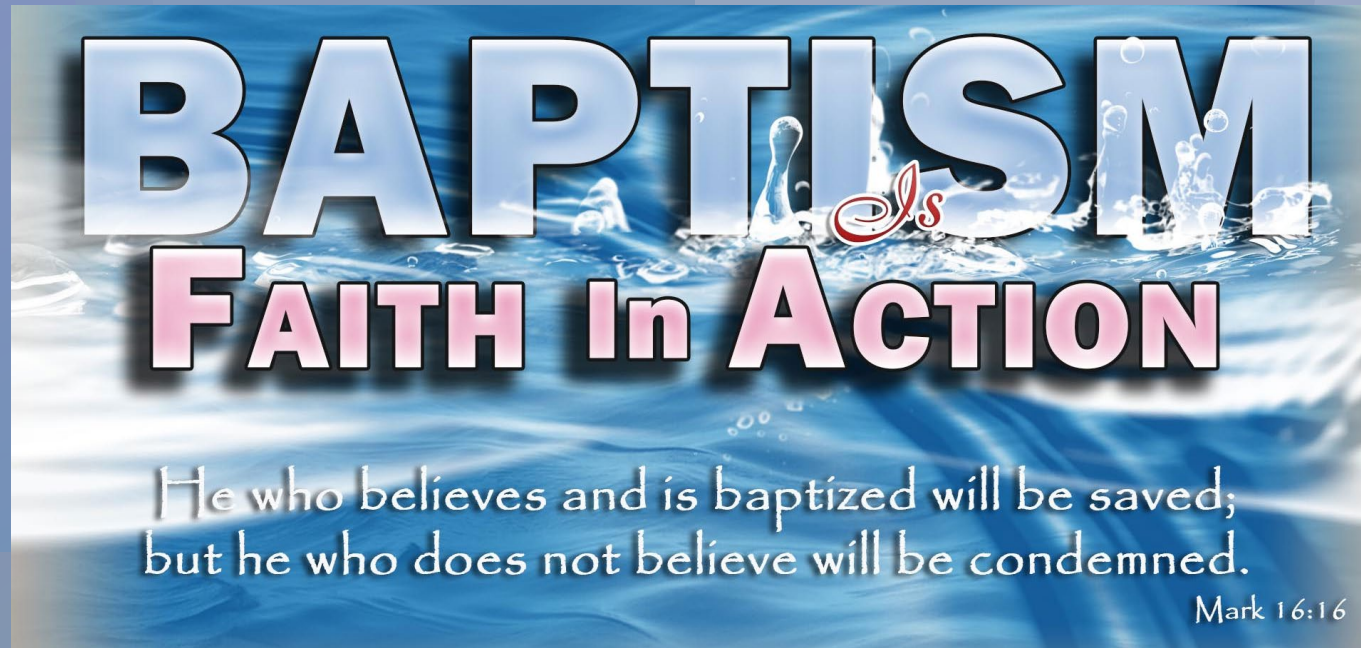
▶ How does Paul say we become sons of God through faith?



# Is Baptism Part of a Saving Faith?

► Col. 2:11-12

<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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.



# What is Being Expressed in Baptism?

► Romans 6:1-6; 11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.



# What is Being Expressed in Baptism?

► Romans 6:1-6; 11

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin....

<sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



# What is Being Expressed in Baptism?

## ▶ 1 Peter 3:20b-21

<sup>20b</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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,

- ▶ Can also be translated “a pledge (promise) from a good conscience”. A pledge or promise for what?
- ▶ Does it matter if we understand what we are expressing?



# How does Baptism Tie to the Elements of Faith?

- ▶ How does Baptism tie to trusting God?
- ▶ How does Baptism tie to repentance from sin?
- ▶ How does Baptism tie to confessing Jesus is Lord?
- ▶ How does Baptism tie to obedience of faith?



**"BAPTISM:  
SALVATION BY  
GRACE THROUGH  
FAITH!"**

**Lesson 2 of 2**

# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- Are We Saved by  
Grace Alone through  
Faith Alone?

# Is Baptism Necessary/Essential to Salvation ?

- ▶ Matthew 28:19 - "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- ▶ Mark 16:16 - "The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned.
- ▶ Acts 2:38;41
- ▶ Acts 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized and wash away your sins by calling on His name.'
- ▶ Acts 19:5 – 6 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

# Can someone be saved without being Baptized ?

- ▶ Luke 23:42 - 43 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."
- ▶ Mark 2:5 - And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
- ▶ Luke 7:48 - And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

## **A question of sovereignty – An argument about dispensation?**

John 21:21 - 22 So Peter seeing him \*said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" Jesus \*said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!"



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