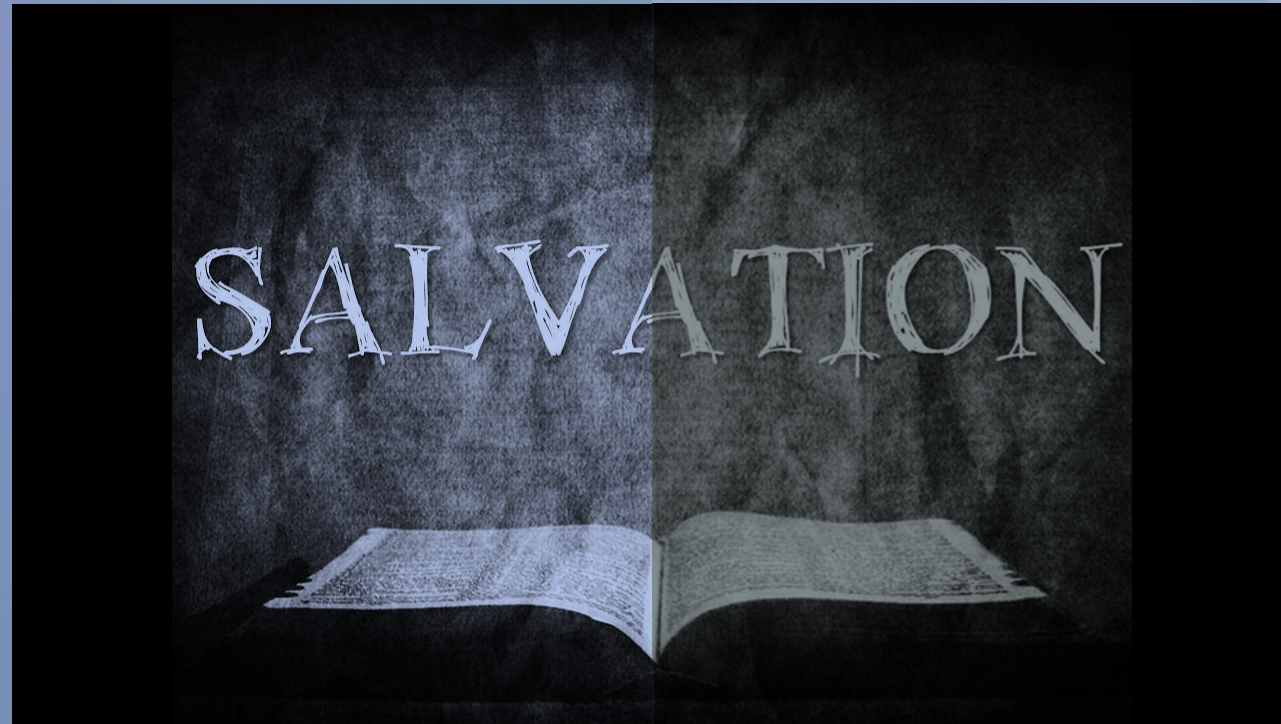


Questions of Salvation



Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
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- Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,
⁹ **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

- ▶ רָחַץ - *rachets* = “to wash, to bath” = used to refer to ceremonial (ritual) cleansing

▶ Greek

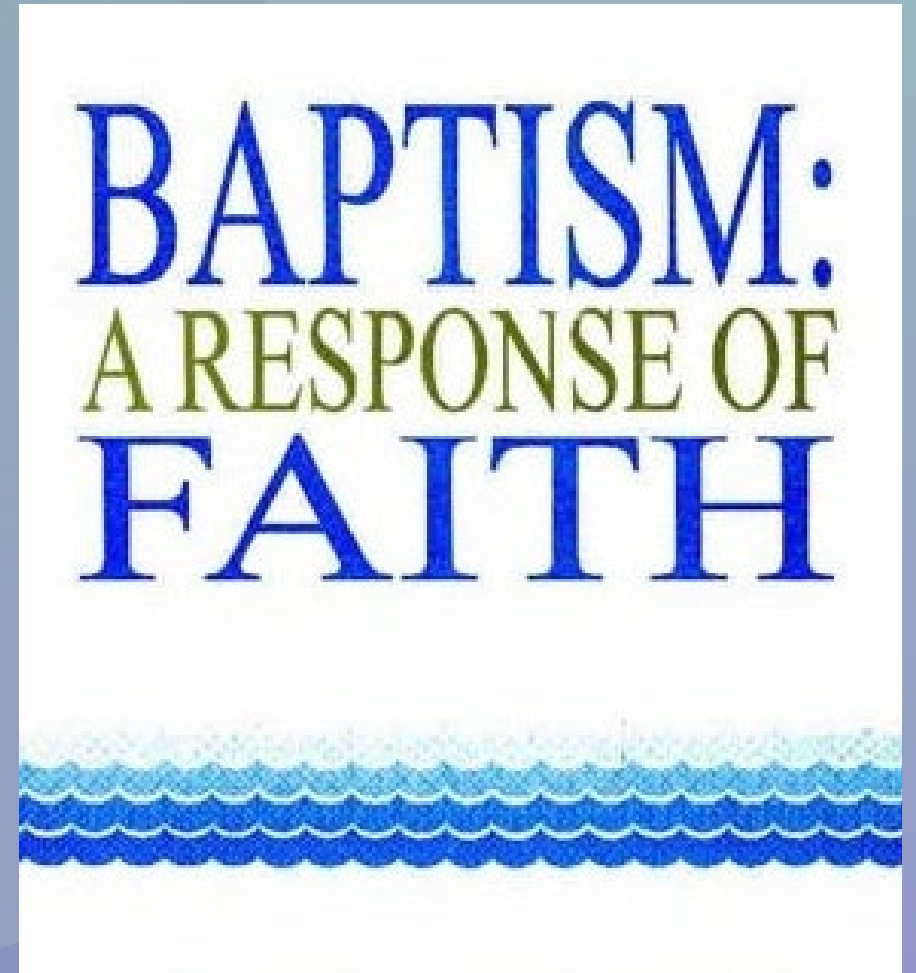
- ▶ Βάπτισμα – *baptisma* = “baptism” = process of immersion, submersion, and emergence
- ▶ Βάπτισω – *baptizo* = “to baptize” = to dip by submerging (as in dyeing a garment or drawing of water by dipping one vessel into another); to be overwhelmed

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**.

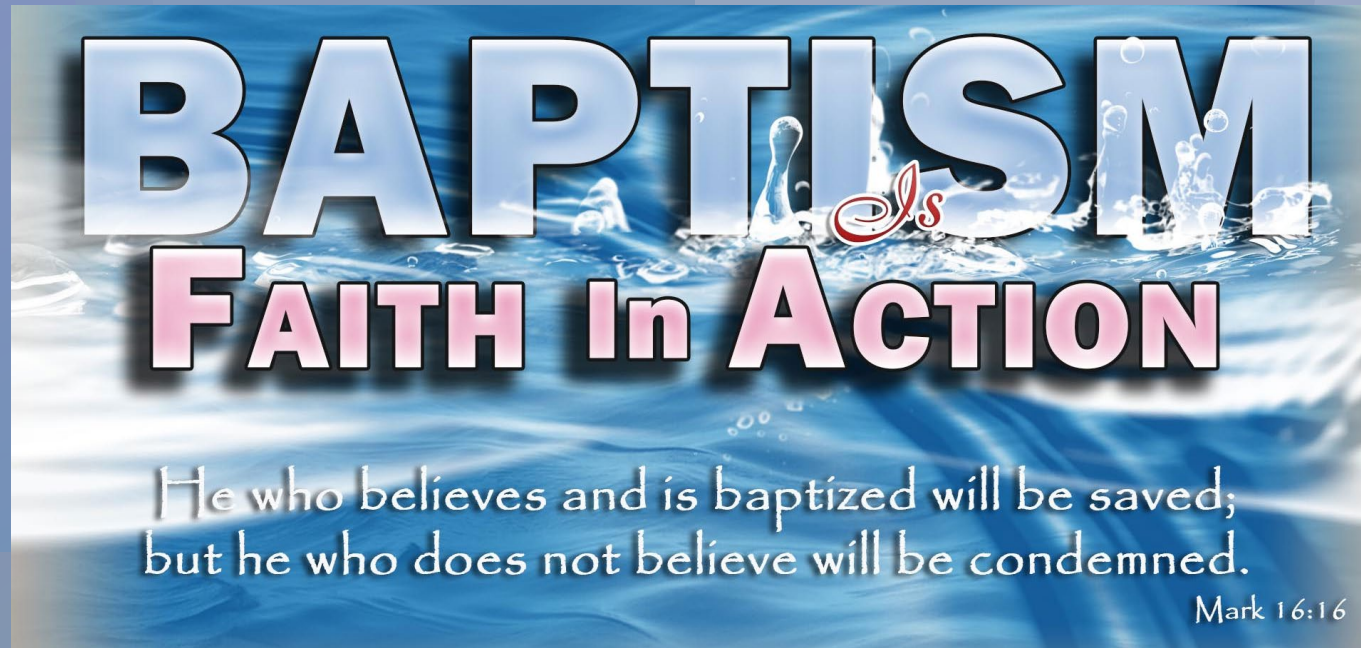
▶ How does Paul say we become sons of God through faith?



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► Col. 2:11-12

¹¹ 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, ¹² 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? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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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⁵ 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. ⁶ 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....

¹¹ 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

^{20b} 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. ²¹ 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?



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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."

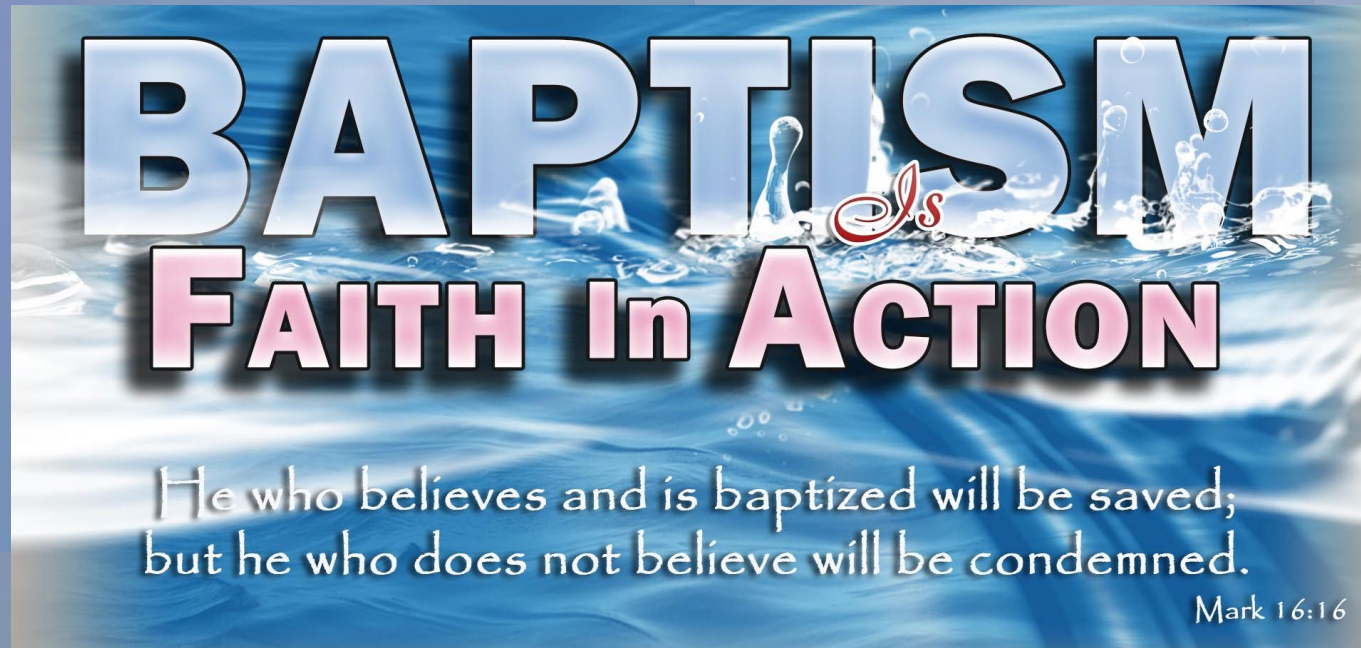
A question of sovereignty – An argument about dispensation?

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!"

Are Both Faith and Baptism Necessary?

▶ Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever **believes and is baptized** will be **saved**, but whoever **does not believe** will be **condemned**.



Why Was Jesus Baptized?

▶ Matthew 3:13-15

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be **baptized** by him. ¹⁴ And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be **baptized** by You, and are You coming to me?”

¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is **fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he allowed Him.



What does “to fulfil all righteousness mean?”

▶ Greek

- ▶ πρέπον – *prepon* = “fitting” = right; **proper**
- ▶ ληρόω – *pleroō* = “fulfill” = to make complete; to **proclaim completely**; to give true meaning
- ▶ Δικαιοσύνη – *dikaiosunē* = “righteousness” = what is right; what is appointed by God to be acknowledged and **obeyed** by man; religious requirements; observances or **practices required** by one’s religion
- ▶ “It is proper for us to proclaim and complete the practices that God has required for man to obey.”



How many kinds of baptism does the Bible speak of?

► Ephesians 4:4-6

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

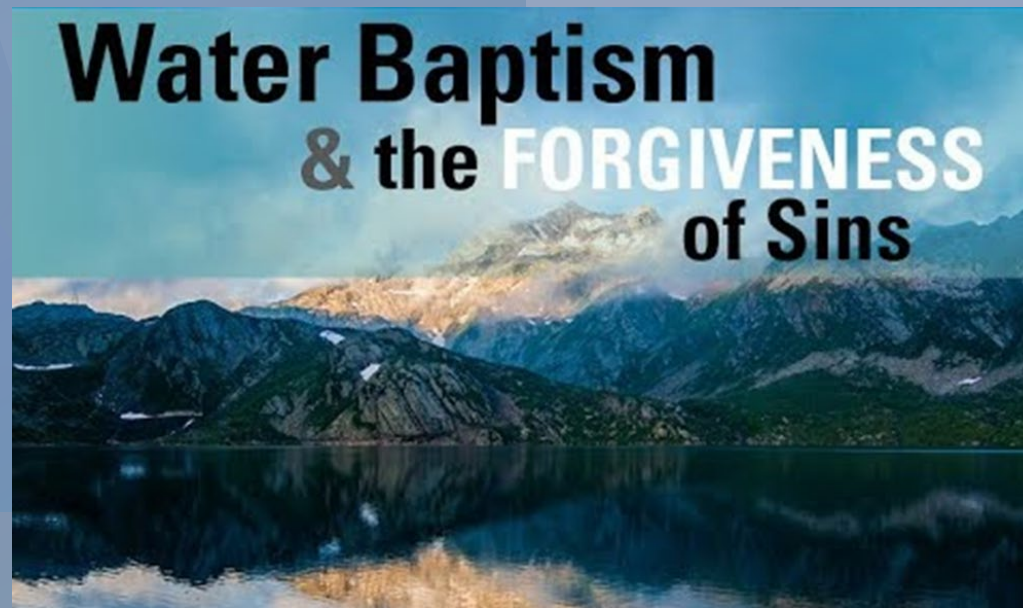


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▶ Greek

▶ εἰς – eis = 40 different meanings; among them: in order to (for the **purpose** of); so that (so that you will get a **result**)

▶ Based on what is being expressed in baptism, which meaning do you think fits best?



Is Belief that Forgiveness of Sins Comes with Baptism an Essential Expression?

- ▶ If someone understands that by being baptized they are making a commitment to trust God by dying to themselves, turning from their sins, and making Jesus Lord, is it necessary for them to understand the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit come with it?





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