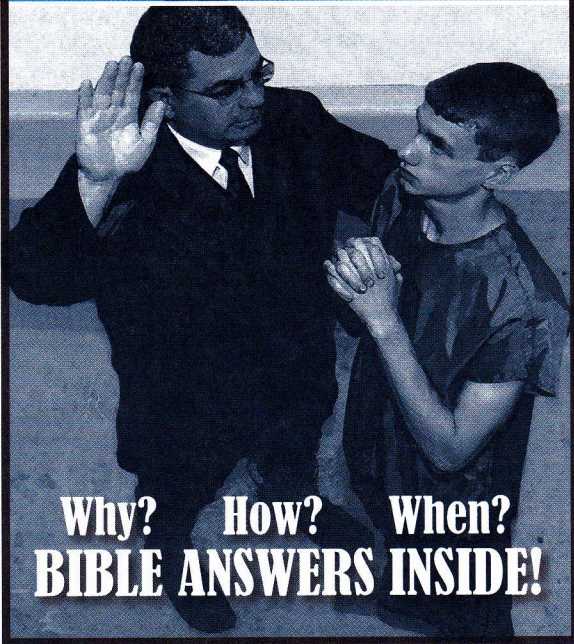


BAPTISM

**If it doesn't save me,
why do I need it?**



**Why? How? When?
BIBLE ANSWERS INSIDE!**

IS BAPTISM FOR ME?

"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."

Acts 8:37a

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized."

Acts 2:41a

"...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."

Acts 16:30-33

CONCLUSION:

Baptism is for believers only.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. It is commanded by Christ.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

Matthew 28:19-20

2. Christ is our example.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

Matthew 3:13

3. By baptism, a believer shows obedience.

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:"

Acts 2:41a

CONCLUSION:

We are baptized to obey the command of Jesus Christ.

HOW SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?



Death

Burial

Resurrection

Baptism by immersion pictures our position with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. See Romans 6:3-5.

1. Baptism is with water.

"John answered them, saying, I baptize with water..."

John 1:26

2. Baptism is by immersion (under the water).

Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan. See Mark 1:9

"And straightway coming up out of the water..."

Mark 1:10

"They went down both into the water..."

Acts 8:38

CONCLUSION:

Only baptism by immersion pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Following salvation

"...when they believed...they were baptized..."

Acts 8:12

"...and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."

Acts 8:36-37a

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:41

See also Acts 16:25-33.

CONCLUSION:

Baptism follows salvation, immediately, if possible.

WHAT IF I REFUSE TO BE BAPTIZED?

1. It results in disobedience.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

James 4:17

2. It results in a loss of testimony.

"If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;"

John 8:31

3. It results in a loss of fellowship with God.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

John 15:14

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