

Baptism - many *different* teachings

Beware! - “if a blind man guides a blind man, BOTH will fall into a pit” Mt 15:14

Examine! “Test all things” 1Th 5:21 [NKJV]

Is it so? How know...? “examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so” Ac 17:11

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Error: “The thief on the cross was saved without being baptized, so we do not have to be baptized to be saved.”

Hb 9:17 “a covenant...is never in force while the one who made it lives”

Error: “Baptism is a symbol that we have ALREADY been saved.” 1Pt 3:21 “baptism NOW SAVES you”

Error: “Baptism is necessary to obey Christ, but NOT to be saved.” Ac 2:38 “be bap. ... for the FORGIVENESS of your sins”

Error: “Paul said, ‘Christ sent me not to baptize’ (1Co 1:17), therefore, Paul did not teach men to be baptized to be saved.”

*“We Believe in Baptism” by Johnny V. Miller of the Cypress Bible Church:
“... ‘CHRIST DID NOT SEND ME TO BAPTIZE BUT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL,’
(1 Cor. 1:17). If the requirements of the Gospel had included water
baptism, Paul was unfaithful to his call and misleading in his message.”*

- **Baptizing with his *own hands* v14-16**
- **Administrator unimportant Jn 4:1-2**
- **He did preach its necessity! Ac 16:14-15; 16:33; 18:8; 19:5; Rom 6:4 (Harmony)**

**Paul himself ...
Ac 22:16!**

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Different kinds of “works”

“girl friend” - romantically—or—neighborly
“love” - romantically? Family? neighborly?

- Gal 5:19f “works **OF THE FLESH**...adul., forn.”
- Rom 9:30-33 “**NOT...by faith**, **BUT...by works**”
- Rom 1:5 “obedience [works] **OF FAITH**” 16:2
- Jam 2:22 “FAITH was working with his WORKS”

Jn 6:28,29 “This is the work of God, that you believe”

Php 2:12 “work out your own salvation” - *nullify grace?!*

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Ro 3:23 “being justified” → 22 “righteousness”

Ro 9:31-32 “Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness did not arrive at that law. Why? “Because ... **NOT** pursue it **by faith**, BUT...by works” “by works”—**NOT “by faith”** in the “gospel” 1:16

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Eph 2:8-9 “by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves...; not as a result of works, that no one should BOAST. 10“FOR we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

>>> the “works” of v9 are different from the “works” in v10!

Eph 5:26 “cleansed her by the washing of water”

Cmpr Ac 19:1
Ac 22:16

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Mk 16:15-16 “preach the gospel to all creation...He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved”

Ac 2:36,38 “let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified. Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins”

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Ac 8:35-37 “preached Jesus to him... What prevents me from being baptized? ... Phillip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

Ac 16:31-34 “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ... immediately he was baptized ... rejoiced greatly, having believed in God”

Why study...?

- *Remind* **2Pt 1:12**
- *Confirm* **Ac 18:27-28**
- *Prepare* **Ac 5:42...8:4**