

# 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.”**  
**Ac 18:8 “many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized” Ac 22:16 *Paul himself!***

**Error: “Baptism is a work, and Paul said we are not saved by works, Rom 4:4-5; Eph 2:8-9.” *Different kinds of “works.”***  
**Mk 16:15-16 Baptism is a “work” OF FAITH**

**Error: “The fact that baptism is not mentioned in Jn 3:16 (also Rom 5:1, Ac 16:31, Eph 2:8) shows that it is not necessary to be saved”**

- “Repentance”... “confession”...? not mentioned
- “Faith”...? not mentioned in Ac 2:38; 10:48; 22:16; 1Pt 3:21
- “Faith” includes baptism (*synecdoche*)
  - \* e.g. “give me a hand”; “ABCs”
  - \* Mt 6:11 “bread”; Jam 1:12 “man”
- Ac 16:31...34; Ac 18:8a...8b ... 11:18
- Faith and baptism tied together: Mk 16:16

Error: “Literal water cannot touch the soul therefore baptism cannot cleanse the soul from sin.”

Rev 7:14 “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” Christ’ literal *blood* touch the soul??

Rom 5:8-10 “Christ died for us ... justified by His blood ... reconciled to God through the death of His Son”

Rom 6:3-4 “baptized into His death”

## Error: “Infant baptism is found in the New Testament.”

Ac 16:15,33-34; 1Co 1:16

- ASSUMES the “households” had children, that they were infants, and that they were present on the occasions mentioned.
- Ac 16:32 “spoke the word of the L. to ... all who were in his house” — *infants?* v34 “whole household” “believed” — *infants?*
- Mt 28:19; Mk 16:15,16; Ac 2:38; 8:36-38; Rom 10:9 Baptism requires faith, repentance, and confession — *infants?*
- Ac 8:12; 19:7 baptized “men & women” — *never said* bap. *infants*

## *Why study...?*

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