

# You Cannot Be Taught Wrong and Be Baptized Right

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"And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? So they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. 3 And he said to them, Into what then were you baptized? So they said, Into John's baptism. 4 Then Paul said, John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

#### Can One Be "Re-Baptized"?

- Only if the term is used to mean being physically immersed twice.
- Some persons never truly obeyed the gospel of Christ from the heart.
- Some persons come to doubt their initial faith and obedience and are immersed a second time, in which case the first immersion saved them, and the second immersion satisfied their doubts of conscience.
- The Lord is the judge in these matters.

# Can One Be Saved by a Denominational Baptism?

- Several denominations teach baptism for the remission of sins: Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, some Community Bible Churches, and some sects of the Baptist Church.
- If one is baptized in keeping with the doctrines of one of these organizations, is he currently in a saved condition?

#### Were You Truly Baptized For The Remission Of Sins?

- Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 22:16 "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."
- 1Peter 3:21 "There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

### Were You Truly Baptized For The Remission Of Sins?

- One must be taught that <u>baptism</u> remits sin and saves.
- You cannot be taught wrong and be baptized right.

### Were You Baptized In The Name Of Jesus Christ?

- Acts 2:38 "...let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ"
- Matt. 28:19 "...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
- Acts 19:5 "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

#### Were You Baptized In The Name Of Jesus Christ?

- If one is not baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, he is not baptized.
- Denominations are not authorized by Christ to baptize.
- You cannot be taught wrong and be baptized right.

## Were You Baptized Through The Gospel Of Christ?

- Mark 16:15 "And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the **gospel** to every creature."
- 2Thes. 2:13-14 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 2John 9 "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son."

# Were You Baptized Through The Gospel Of Christ?

- If one is taught anything more or less than the gospel of Christ, he is taught wrong.
- You cannot be taught wrong and be baptized right.

- Eph. 4:4-6 "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."
- Col. 1:18 "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

- 1Cor. 12:12-13 "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."
- Acts 8:12 "But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized."

- If one is not baptized into the body of Christ, he is not saved.
- To say that one can be baptized into the body of Christ by a denomination is to teach that the denomination is part of the body of Christ.
- To say that one can be saved when baptized into a denomination of men is to teach that salvation can be found in the denominations of men. If one can be saved in a denomination, then there is no point in leaving the denomination.
- You cannot be taught wrong and be baptized right.

- Gal. 3:26-27 "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
- Eph. 5:23, 25-27 "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."
- Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

#### "What about the Ethiopian Eunuch?"

- "He was baptized in a deserted area and was going home where there was no church."
- Acts 8:25-39

Acts 8:25-31 - "So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. 26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, 'Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this chariot.' 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 And he said, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him."

Acts 8:32-39 - "The place in the Scripture which he read was this: 'He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.' 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, 'I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?' 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' 37 Then Philip 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.' 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

#### Let's Ask Our Questions:

- Was he baptized for the remission of sins?
  - Philip taught him beginning with Isaiah 53:4-10
- Was he baptized in the name of Christ?
  - Acts 8:35, 37
- Was he baptized through the gospel of Christ?
  - That is what Philip preached Acts 8:35-36, 12
- Was he baptized into the body of Christ?
  - Philip preached no less
  - Acts 8:12 "But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized."

#### "What About My Baptism?!"

- Answer the scriptural questions:
  - Was it for the remission of sins?
  - Was it in the name of Christ?
  - Was it according to His unchanged gospel?
  - Were you baptized into the Lord's Church?

#### "What About My Baptism?!"

- One more question... Was it from the heart?
  - Rom. 6:17-18 "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."