

DO YOU KNOW: IMMERSION'S ROLE IN SALVATION?

Different churches have different teachings about baptism. That is a problem since the Holy Spirit says there is one baptism, not many (Ephesians 4:5). Ideas like “outward sign of an inward grace” and “a symbol of salvation” are often associated with baptism but absent from Scripture. Study these verses--

Mark 16:16 “*He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.*”

Acts 2:38 “*... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...*”

Acts 22:16 “*... be baptized and wash away your sins...*”

Romans 6:3 “*... baptized into Christ... baptized into His death...*”

1 Corinthians 12:13 “*... baptized into one body...*”

1 Peter 3:21 “*There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism...*”

No sinner today is saved before baptism, though most religious groups today teach that sinners are saved at the moment of faith or a sinner's prayer. Baptism is the moment when Jesus' blood washes away our sins (compare Acts 22:16 & Revelation 1:5). If this is not what you have been taught, then open your Bible and *understand what the will of the Lord is* (Eph. 5:17).

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