

Acts 2:38

Act 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you crucified." **37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart (*Gk.2588-thoughts or feelings [mind]*), and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Interrupting Peter in the midst of the first sermon preached in the church, these Jews were so terrified over their taking part in the crucifixion of the Christ they had been anticipating. Peter obliged them and answered their question on the fate of their earlier actions, as Paul said he "had acted ignorantly in unbelief" (*1 Tim 1:13*).

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, " (1)Repent and (2)be baptized every one of you in the (3)name of Jesus (4)Christ (5)for the (6)forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the (7)gift of the Holy Spirit.

1. Repent-

G3340 μετανοέω metanoeō *met-an-o-eh'-o*

From [G3326](#) and [G3539](#); to **think differently** or *afterwards*, that is, **reconsider** (morally to *feel compunction [uneasy feeling prompted by guilt]*): - repent.

Luk 5:30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" **31** And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

(Jesus knew the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees. They considered themselves righteous which is why He knew they would not heed His call to true righteousness.)

Rom 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Isa 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Luk 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

2Co 7:10 For godly grief produces a repentance (*looking forward*) that leads to salvation without regret (*reconsideration*), whereas worldly grief produces death.

2. be baptized-

- The denominational world just skips over this verse as though it wasn't even there. Or they "explain" it away with the accuracy of a talented surgeon with a scalpel.

G907 βαπτίζω baptizō *bap-tid'-zo*

From a derivative of [G911](#); to **make *whelmed*** (that is, *fully wet*);

- **Thayer**- ...sacred immersion, commanded by Christ, by which men confessing their sins and professing their faith in Christ are born again by the Holy Spirit unto a new life, come into fellowship with Christ and the church and are made partakers of eternal salvation;...

If **Christ** commanded something, as **He** did in the great commission (*Mat 28:18-20*), then it is imperative that we follow through on it in order to receive what is promised when we do. This is the rebirth **He** spoke to **Nicodemus** about in *Jn 3:5-6* in being “**born of water**”.

Tit 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of **God** our **Savior** appeared, **5** **He** saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to **His** own mercy, by the washing (*Gk.3067- baptism*) of regeneration (*Gk.3824- rebirth*) and renewal (*Gk.342- renovation*) of the **Holy Spirit**, **6** **Whom** **He** poured out on us richly through **Jesus Christ** our **Savior**, **7** so that being justified by **His** grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

We can now see how imperative baptism is in the plan of salvation. Outside of obedience to it no one can be saved. Being born “**of the Spirit**” is dealt with later in this study. The following are only a few examples of where water is used to save.

- **Noah** and his family were...

1Pe 3:20 ...brought safely through water.

- Today we also can be saved by water because...

1Pe 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you...

1Pe 3:21 ... as an appeal to **God** for a good conscience, **through** the resurrection of **Jesus Christ**, (*...if Christ didn't raise up from the dead we would all be in our sins and would be unable to stand before the judgment with clear consciences.*)

Water by itself won't save just as the blood of **Christ**, in and of itself, won't save either. We don't wash our clothes in water without adding detergent, do we? Neither do we wash our clothes in detergent alone. Water, then, is the activating agent (*in our obedience to baptism*) and **Christ's** blood is the cleansing agent (*which is activated in our immersion*).

3. in the name of- (*what's in a name?*)

G3686 ὄνομα onoma *on'-om-ah*

From a presumed derivative of the base of [G1097](#) (compare [G3685](#)); a “name” (literally or figuratively), (**authority, character**): - called, (+ sur-) name (-d).

Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name (*authority*) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Act 19:13 Then some of the itinerant (*Gk.4022-wander about*) Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus Whom Paul proclaims." 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. 15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" (*These were Jews that thought they were "all that". They were like Simon the sorcerer who were in it just to be popular. Imagine the look on their faces when the evil spirits asked "who are you?" !*) 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name (*Gk.3686-authority*) of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

Php 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name (*Gk.3686*) of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself. 27 And He has given Him **authority** to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

Heb 1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name (*Gk.3686*) He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

4. Christ-

G5547 Χριστός Christos *khris-tos'*

From [G5548](#); **anointed**, that is, **the Messiah**, an epithet of Jesus: - Christ.

- The Jews spoken to that day of Pentecost were so pricked in their hearts (2:37) because they killed, by going along with the crowd (*remember, when good people do nothing against evil they are just as guilty- Rom 1:32*), the One they had been looking for all their lives.

5. for- (*eis, not dia which means "because of"*)

G1519 εἰς eis *ice*

A primary preposition; *to* or *into* (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figuratively) **purpose** (result, etc.);

- Why in the world would a person want to get baptized "because" their sins were already washed away? And, were they forgiven before or after obedience to Christ's command to be immersed in water. (*See notes on Matthew 3 under "Bible Study*

Notes” to understand why Jesus was baptized and to get a further understanding on why it is important for us.)

6. remission-

G859 ἄφεσις aphesis *af-es-is*

From **G863**; *freedom*; (figuratively) *pardon*: - deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.

- We understand what it means when a person is in “remission” concerning cancer. Sin is a cancer that eats away at the lives of souls that are created in the image of God. To be pardoned from a past crime is to be considered that it never happened. *(That pardon is of no use if one continues committing the same [or other] crimes.)*

7. gift-

G1431 δωρεά dōrea *do-reh-ah'*

From **G1435**; a *gratuity*: - gift.

Holy Spirit is given, as we will see, only to those who have been subjected to the ordinance of baptism (*immersion*). When Jesus told John (*when John questioned His being baptized instead of the other way around*) to “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness”; that phrase in the Greek is translated “every righteous ordinance”. Since Aaron, as O.T. high priest (*along with his sons and those who replaced them*), was commanded by Moses to be initiated into the priesthood to serve in that office via the immersion process (*ordinance- Ex 29:4*), it was necessary for Christ to obey such (*He lived under the O.T. Law which He had not yet ‘fulfilled’- Lk 24:44*) in order to become our High Priest (*Heb 2:17; 5:5*) under the New Covenant, which He did “to fulfill all righteousness” (*see Heb 7:27; 9:12; 10:10*); as the ‘example’, per se, that we are to follow via baptism into the N.T. priesthood (*Heb 7:12*). Our baptism is to remove sin (*remission- Act 2:38*) and thus “qualified” us (*Col 1:12*) to enter us into the priesthood, whereas His (*as the “Lamb without spot”- 1 Pet 1:19*) was as an initiation into the office of our High Priest **whereby that process could be completed** (*Him becoming our Mediator as the O.T. high priest was*) via His fulfilling “every righteous ordinance”.

Act 2:39 For the (1)promise is for you and for (2)your children and for all who are (3)far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls (4)to Himself."

1. promise-

G1860 ἐπαγγελία epaggelia *ep-ang-el-ee'-ah*

From **G1861**; an **announcement** (for information, assent or **pledge**; especially a **divine assurance** of good): - message, promise.

Eph 1:13 In Him (*Christ*) you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed (*Gk.4972-to stamp for security*) with the **promised** Holy Spirit, 14 Who is the guarantee (*Gk.728-pledge, given in advance as security for the rest*) of our inheritance until we acquire (*Gk.629-deliverance*) possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

- Remember, a person can lose their “eternal security” just as quickly as they can lose their down payment on a home if they go back on the agreement signed in the mortgage. God chose the church, His Son’s bride, “before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.” (*Eph 1:4*) It is His right to allow whomever He wills to enter. We can be assured of that promise through our obedience to His will.

2. children...

3. all who are far off- (*whether by distance [as with the Gentiles] or by time [as by future generations-“your children”]*)

G3112 μακράν makran mak-ran'

Feminine accusative singular of **G3117** (**G3598** being implied); *at a distance* (literally or figuratively): - (a-) far (off), good (great) way off.

Act 10:34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

4. calls-

G4341 προσκαλέομαι proskaleomai pros-kal-eh'-om-ahee

Middle voice from **G4314** and **G2564**; to **call toward oneself**, that is, *summon, invite*: - call (for, to, unto).

2Th 2:14 To this He called (*Gk.2564-bid*) you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mat 22:2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were **invited** (*Gk.2564*) to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are **invited**, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those **invited** were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Mat 22:12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For **many are called**, but **few are chosen**."

- In order to be a part of the chosen few we all need to be in **Him**. We all at some time received the call but only those of us who answer that call through obedience become the chosen few who will enter that heavenly home. **God** set the standard of admittance into **Heaven** even before **He** created anything.

Eph 1:4 even as **He** chose us **in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before **Him**.

Do you hear **Him** calling?

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