

The ABC Detergent of God

The dictionary definition of the word “**detergent**” is a cleansing agent. Almost all people who do laundry are familiar with using different and various types of detergents.

During the process of washing and cleaning garments, these detergents interact with the dirt and stains separating them from the fabric. The lesson we want to teach today is about the only agent that can separate sin from the sinner.

The one and only detergent that can cleanse sin from the human soul is the detergent of God. We call this detergent, “**the ABC detergent of God**”. **ABC** stands for “**A Blood Covering**”.

In **Hebrews 9:22**, the Scripture says that without blood, there is no remission. There can be no cleansing of sin, no removal of sin from the soul, no forgiveness of the sin that has been inherited from Adam, or sins that have been committed in life, without the shedding of blood.

Only blood can make atonement for the soul. Under the Law, the blood of animal sacrifices could not remove sin, but only push them forward another year. (**Hebrews 10:1, 3-4 9:14**) The blood to make atonement for the soul had to be sinless blood, not the blood from Adam, but the blood from Jesus who knew no sin. (**2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22-24**)

The Bible said that John the Baptist was baptizing beyond the Jordan. When he saw Jesus coming unto him, he cried “**Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.**” (**John 1:28-29**) Jesus purchased the Church with His own blood. (**Acts 20:28**) The price for our redemption was the precious blood of Jesus who died for all humanity, past, present, and future. He gave His life and shed His sinless blood for whosoever would believe and obey the Gospel. (**1 John 3:16**)

The cleansing detergent of God for sin is the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus is in the Name of Jesus. Sometimes, even for born-again Christians, there can be failure. If you fail, don't quit. Get up and keep going calling on the Name of Jesus. (**1 John 1:7-9**) It's not how many times you fail that God notices, but how many times that you recover from failure that really matters.

Many church people today are told this by their pastors: “**All you have to do is accept the Lord as your personal savior and you are then saved.**” This is **NOT** true.

They then instruct their congregation to read Romans 10:9-10 saying it is by simple faith that they become saved.

These preachers, teachers, and pastors that promote this message do not realize that the Book of Romans was written to the Church in the city of Rome who were already born again.

They were called saints of God whose faith was spoken of throughout the whole world. **(Romans 1:6-8)** This means that the Church in Rome was an Apostolic Church began by the Apostle Paul. **(Acts 28:14,23-24, 30-31)** The Church in Rome was already baptized in the Name of Jesus and had received the Holy Ghost.

The Book of Romans was written by Paul to instruct the saints in Rome how to live for God. **Romans 10:9-10** is not the way to **get saved** but was instruction to born-again Christians how to **stay saved** by calling on the Name of Jesus for forgiveness and cleansing from sin.

In **Ephesians 2:8**, we read that it is the gift of God that allows us to be saved by grace through faith. The word “**grace**” means the divine ability given to you from God to obey.

It was an act of disobedience that brought sin into the world. It takes an act of obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to take away sin. We read in **Genesis 6:8** that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Notice that grace did not save Noah and his family. It was obedience to God’s instruction that saved Noah and his family. Without the building of the ark, Noah and his family would not have been saved from the flood. **(Hebrews 11:7, 1 Peter 3:20-21)** Just as Noah had to do something to be saved, so we have to do something to be saved.

Jesus said in **Mark 16:16**, “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved....*” We have to do something more than just believe. Jesus said that a man **MUST** be born again of the water and of the Spirit to enter into the Kingdom of God. **(John 3:3,5,7)**

We have to do something to enter into the Kingdom of God. When those who heard the Apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost felt the weight of their sin and asked how to get rid of that sin, Peter told them to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. **(Acts 2:37-38)**

They had to do something to receive remission of sin. When Paul was asked by the keeper of the prison “**What must I do to be saved?**”, Paul spoke to him the Word of the Lord and baptized the jailor and his household. **(Acts 16:30-33)** They had to do something to be saved.

When Saul of Tarsus was blinded and struck down by the bright light, Jesus told him to go to Damascus, and someone would come and tell him what he **MUST** do. **(Acts 9:3-6)**

In **Acts 9:17-18**, we read how Saul, who is Paul, was filled with the Holy Ghost and was baptized. (**Acts 13:9**) Later on in the Book of Acts, Paul testified of his baptism. (**Acts 22:16**)

The cleansing agent of the blood of Jesus was applied to Paul in the act of baptism in the Name of Jesus. Paul had to do something. Cornelius, an Italian centurion, was told to send men to Joppa to find the Apostle Peter who would tell him what he had to do.

Peter did come and told Cornelius and his household what they HAD to do. (**Acts 10:1-5,44-48**) This just man Cornelius still **HAD** to do something.

In **Acts 19:1-7**, we read when the Apostle Paul met some believers in Ephesus. These men were believers and disciples of John the Baptist knowing only the baptism of John which was a baptism of repentance.

These believers also had to **DO** something. They were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus and received the Holy Ghost. In all these examples, we read how each one had to do something. The thing that they HAD to do was apply the **ABC detergent** of God to remove sin from their soul.

The blood of Jesus is applied to our lives for the remission of sin when we are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. It is through the act of obedience of water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ that the **ABC detergent** of God is applied to our lives. Just as detergent forces the dirt to release from the fabric, so the Name of Jesus forces sin to be removed from our soul.

Conclusion

The **ABC cleansing** detergent of God was required for everyone to be saved then, now, and forever.

It is a never-changing message in an ever-changing world. Water baptism by immersion in the Name of Jesus Christ is the message for the remission of all sin.

The blood of Jesus is in the Name of Jesus.

This is the message that Jesus and His Apostles preached and taught.

When the message is changed, the results are also always changed. The Word of God is forever settled in heaven. (**Psalms 119:89**) This Gospel message is everlasting. (**Revelation 14:6**)

The Name of Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (**Hebrews 13:8**)

BACK