

# In Defence Of Biblical Christianity

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## Article 5 Baptism

**“The Outward Confession of An Inward Reality Heresy”**

**Do you believe the Bible, the doctrines of man or Satanic lies?**

**Let's find out!**

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# Preface

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The biggest challenge to Christianity has always been false proclamations, here the words of the Apostle Paul.

**2 Cor 11:4** For if someone comes and **proclaims another Jesus** than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive **a different spirit** from the one you received, or if you accept a **different gospel** from the one you accepted, **you put up with it** readily enough.

## **Here Observe:**

1. The Corinthians accepted the preaching of another Jesus.
2. The Corinthians accepted the preaching of a different spirit.
3. The Corinthians accepted the preaching of a different gospel.

I intend to prove that the modern church has also accepted and believes false proclamations.

# Introduction

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Eighteen scriptures will be reviewed for the following purposes:

- 1) To clearly articulate what the Bible teaches.
- 2) To prove beyond a reasonable doubt that most of the modern church does not teach Biblical baptism.
- 3) To prove beyond a reasonable doubt that most of the modern church is teaching a false gospel.
- 4) To prove beyond a reasonable doubt that most of the modern churches have nullified the word of God for the traditions of men.
- 5) To prove that Satan has infiltrated the church with the same old lie- Did God really say? (Gen 3:1)
- 6) To prove the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor 11:4 are still true.

# Matt 28:18-20 Baptism is Not Optional

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18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to **observe all ...**

## Here Observe:

- 1) Jesus commands his disciples to make disciples.
- 2) Jesus commands his disciples to baptize disciples.
- 3) Jesus commands his disciples to be taught to observe all of His teachings.

If anyone says baptism is not necessary, they are speaking directly against Christ. Known in the Bible as an antichrist.

# Proof That Baptism Was Part of Evangelism and Essential for Salvation

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- 1) Acts 2:38,41- Saved by repentance and baptism.
- 2) Acts 8:12, 16-17- Philip preaches, and all are baptized.
- 3) Act 8:36,38 - Eunuch hears the gospel, says What prevents me from baptism?
- 4) Act 9:17-19- Paul receives sight, then 22:17 says he was baptized to wash away his sins.
- 5) Act 10:44-48 -Gentiles hear the word and are all baptized.
- 6) Acts 16:15- Lydia hears Paul preach and is immediately baptized.
- 7) Acts 16:33- Philippian Jailor baptized in the middle of the night.
- 8) Acts 18:8- Crispus, a synagogue ruler, was immediately baptized.
- 9) Acts 19:3-5- Those baptized into John were immediately baptized into Jesus.

**All nine passages will be studied.**

# 1. 2:38, 41 How Forgiven

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*” And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... 41* So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## Here Observe:

- 1) Everyone is commanded to repent and be baptized.
- 2) Repentance and baptism result in the forgiveness of sins.
- 3) The Holy Spirit can now be received from God.
- 4) Those baptized received the word that was preached.
- 5) The souls were added to the church through repentance and baptism.

There is no ambiguity. The Bible emphatically and dogmatically says- those who believe the message, repented and were baptized for the forgiveness of sins and were added to the church. This is our part; God’s part is the impartation of the Holy Spirit.

Since repentance is so connected with Baptism, the following two slide will explain Godly sorrow that leads to repentance. (2 Cor 7:10)

# 1a. False Repentance

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## **What Repentance is Not:**

- 1) Repentance is not regret because regret is sorrow for bad things you have done to yourself.
- 2) Repentance is not remorse because remorse is sorrow for bad things you have done to others.
- 3) Repentance is not raising your hand at the call of a preacher and asking Jesus to forgive you of your sins.
- 4) Repentance is not asking Jesus to come into your heart.
- 5) Repentance is not coming forward for an altar call and asking Jesus to forgive your sins.

No one should be baptized who has not had true repentance.

All of these teachings are the gospel made in America and came out of the American revival movement. They are heretical, not Biblical, modern Gnostic heresies, that I will prove as the study advances.

So, what is true repentance?

# 1b. True Repentance

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**True Repentance is a Sorrow that Results in a Change of Heart, that says:**

- 1) I will no longer sin against God.
- 2) I will no longer provoke God to anger with my disobedience.
- 3) I will no longer break God's holy law, subjecting myself to his judgment.
- 4) I will no longer reject God by refusing His love for me.
- 5) I will ask God for his mercy.

**2 Cor 7:10-** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation.

**Acts 26:20...** then to those in Jerusalem and in Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they **should repent** and turn to God and **demonstrate** their repentance **by their deeds.** (I have never heard this preached.)

As Peter said, in Acts 2:38-39, repentance precedes baptism and therefore has to be part of the gospel that is preached. Paul, in the above, defines repentance as sorrow that leads to a change of behaviour and deeds that prove you serve God.

An altar call, asking Jesus in heart or any other modern distortion, is not repentance!



## 2. Acts 8:12 Philip Preaches All Are Baptized

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12But when they believed Philip as **he preached** good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

### Here Observe:

- 1) Philip preached the good news of the kingdom and Jesus Christ.
- 2) Immediately upon belief, they were baptized.
- 3) Why be baptized if it was not part of the preaching of the gospel?
- 4) Everyone who believed was baptized immediately. Why?

Do you think there is any chance that repentance and baptism were not part of the message Philip preached?

Do not be deceived, baptism is essential to the preaching of the gospel.

### 3. Act 8:36,38 Ethiopian Eunuch

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36And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! **What prevents me from being baptized?**”

38And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and **he baptized him.**

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) If baptism was not part of the gospel, why did the eunuch say, “What prevents me from being baptized”?
- 2) Why did he insist on being baptized, and why did Philip immediately baptize him?

The only logical conclusion is that baptism was part of the gospel, which is exactly what you would expect because it was a direct command of Peter in Acts 2:38, and Paul was immediately baptized to wash away his sins, Acts 22:16.

## 4. Acts 9:17-19, 22:16

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17So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. **Then he rose and was baptized**; 19and taking food, he was strengthened. **22:16**And now why do you wait? Rise and **be baptized and wash away your sins**, calling on his name.’

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Paul was immediately baptized.
- 2) Paul was baptized for the remission of sins.
- 3) So, if Baptism was not for the remission of sins, why does the Bible say it is, and why is Paul immediately washed in baptism?
- 4) There is no ambiguity; Paul was baptized to wash away his sins, and Peter taught that baptism was for the forgiveness of sin.

## 5. Acts 10:44-48 Gentiles Baptized

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“44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 **“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people,** who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And **he commanded them to be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.”

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles who heard the word and believed it.
- 2) The Holy Spirit was given before baptism?
- 3) Peter saw the Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit and commanded water baptism.
- 4) This is conclusive evidence that water baptism is mandatory and part of gospel preaching.

Do not be deceived. Acts 2:38-39 says the Jews received the Holy Spirit after water baptism, and here the Gentiles receive the Spirit and then are water baptized.

## 6. Acts 16:15 Lydia Baptized

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15And after **she was baptized**, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Lydia hears and believes the message and is immediately baptized. Why?
- 2) Lydia says if you judge me to be faithful, she is saying that she is demonstrating her repentance through her deeds?

Were you taught that baptism is for the remission of sins? Were you baptized for the remission of sins?

Baptism was part of preaching the gospel, so if the gospel that you heard did not have baptism, you were preached a false gospel. More evidence coming!

## 7. Acts 16:33 Philippian Jailer Baptized

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33And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and **he was baptized at once**, he and all his family.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The Philippian jailor hears the message and is baptized in the middle of the night. Why?
- 2) If baptism was not part of the gospel, why were they baptized in the middle of the night?
- 3) The testimony of scripture remains consistent. Baptism is for the remission of sins, is mandatory and essential for salvation.
- 4) The Bible emphatically teaches that Baptism is foundational to evangelism.

## 8. Acts 18:8 Crispus Synagogue Ruler, Baptized

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8Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, **believed in the Lord**, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul **believed and were baptized**.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Crispus and all the Corinthians, upon hearing and believing, were immediately baptized.

Only a person completely indoctrinated into the teachings of men would reject 8 straight testimonies of immediate baptism for the remission of sins.

**The word is preached, and people are baptized- do not be deceived.**

## 9. Acts 19:3-5 Paul Rebaptizes

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3And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into **John’s baptism**.” 4And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to **believe in the one** who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance to believe in the one who is to come.
- 2) Those baptized into John were immediately baptized into Jesus upon hearing of Jesus’ baptism.
- 3) Jesus’ baptism was for the remission of sin, preceded by repentance and in his name or stated another way, upon his command and authority.

**The following Church Fathers citations agree with the 9 scriptures we read.**



# Church Father- Irenaeus

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## **(c. 180, E/W), 1.346 -Gnostics' Approach to Baptism**

We have come to refute them (Gnostics), and we will show in its proper place that this class of men have been instigated by Satan to a **denial of that baptism which is regeneration to God**. Thus, they have renounced the whole faith...For the baptism instituted by the visible Jesus was for the remission of sins.

## **(c. 180, E/W), 1.346**

But there are some of them (the Gnostics) who assert that it is unnecessary to bring persons to the water.... These claim that the knowledge of the unspeakable Greatness is itself perfect redemption.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Those who say baptism is not necessary are inspired by Satan.
- 2) To deny baptism as saving is a denial of the Christian faith!
- 3) Jesus instituted baptism for the remission of sins.
- 4) Only Gnostic heretics taught that baptism is not for the remission of sins.
- 5) Only Gnostic heretics claim that confessing Christ is itself perfect redemption.

According to Irenaeus, the modern church has renounced the faith, being instigated by Satan for the denial of baptism for the remission of sins and are Gnostics.

# Church Father- Justin Martyr

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## (c.160, E), 1.201. Baptism, the Water of Life

“This washing of repentance and knowledge of God has been ordained on account of the transgression of God’s people, as Isaiah cries. According, we have believed and testify that the very baptism which he announced is alone able to purify those who have repented. And this is the water of life... For what is the use of that baptism which cleanses only the flesh and body? Baptize the soul from wrath and from covetousness, from envy, and from hatred.”

### Here Observe:

- 1) Baptism purifies the repentant.
- 2) Baptism cleanses.
- 3) Wrath is removed when baptized.

The early church believed the Scriptures; it appears modern-day evangelicals do not!

# Church Father- Cyprian

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(c. 250, W), 5.387 - Sanctification in Baptism Ibid., 55.

“He who has **been sanctified**, his **sins being put away in baptism**, and has been spiritually reformed into a **new man**, has become **fitted for receiving the Holy Spirit.**”

## Here Observe:

- 1) A person sanctified is a person whose sins have been put away in baptism.
- 2) Baptism leads to a spiritually reformed new man.
- 3) Baptism and sanctification create a new man.
- 4) A person can then receive the Holy Spirit.

Do not be deceived, the Bible and the Early Church Fathers all taught that in baptism, we are forgiven, cleansed, and saved.

# A Few Questions

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- 1) If baptism was not part of preaching the gospel, where did these converts get the idea that they should be baptized, and why were they baptized?
- 2) Do you believe that Paul would go against the direct teaching of Christ by teaching people that they do not need to be baptized?
- 3) Peter, Paul, and Philip all preached as recorded in the book of Acts, and after they preached, everyone who heard and believed was baptized. Why?
- 4) Why was Paul commanded to be baptized to wash away his sins?
- 5) Why were 3000 people baptized after asking what they should do?

# The Battle for the Truth

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Satan has infiltrated the church with the same old lie, “Did God really say?” Proof of this is the Holy Spirit through Peter, who said Repent and be baptized for the Remission of Sins, and the church says No, you don’t need to be baptized, just say the sinner’s prayer.

Satan is truly the master of lies and deceit. It is his lies that I am contending against, not the people he has deceived.

The challenge before us is to defeat Satanic lies and believe God.

Let’s go much deeper into the word of God, the study continues.

# Other Biblical Evidences

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- 1) John 3:3-8 Born of Water and the Spirit
- 2) Rom 6:1-14 Baptized into Death, Old Self Crucified
- 3) 1 Cor 12:12-13 Baptism in the Spirit
- 4) Gal 3:25-27 Baptism Puts on Christ
- 5) Col 2:12-15 Baptism Burries you with Christ
- 6) 1 Pet 3:20 Baptism Saves
- 7) 1 Cor 1:13 Baptism Tied to Crucifixion

All of these scriptures will be examined.

# 1. John 3:3-8 Born of Water and the Spirit

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, **'You must be born again.'** 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

## **Here Observe:**

- 1) Being born again is mandatory to enter the kingdom of heaven.
- 2) Salvation is contingent on being born of water and the Spirit
- 3) Born of water and the Spirit gets you into the kingdom of heaven.
- 4) The early church knew what being born in water meant.
- 5) The scriptures prove that baptism is being born of water.
- 6) Born of the Spirit is God's impartation of the Spirit, typically after baptism.
- 7) When the Spirit was given before baptism, they still had to be water baptized.

**What follows is what the early church believed regarding being born again.**

# Church Father- Theophilus

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## (c. 180, E), 2.101 - Remission & Bath of Regeneration

God blessed the things proceeding **from the waters**, that this also could be a sign of men being destined to **receive repentance and remission of sins**, through the water and bath of **regeneration**, as many as come to the truth and **are born again**.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The waters are blessed by God.
- 2) In the water, we receive the remission of sins
- 3) The water is a bath of regeneration
- 4) The bath of regeneration is being born again.

Theophilus believed the same as Justin Martyr, per Acts 2:38.



# Church Father- Tertullian

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(c. 198, W), 3. 669 - Sacrament of Water

Happy is our sacrament of water, in that, **by washing away the sins** of our early blindness, we are set free and admitted into eternal life.... We, like little fishes, after the example of our ichthus, Jesus Christ, are **born in water.**

## **Here Observe:**

- 1) Baptism washes away sins.
- 2) Baptism grants eternal life.
- 3) In baptism, we are born in water.

I believe it is clear that Tertullian agrees with the scriptures.

# Church Father- Tertullian

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## Tertullian (c. 198, W), 676 - The Necessity of Baptism

“Unless a man has been **born again of water and Spirit**, he will not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.” These words have tied faith to the **necessity of baptism**. Accordingly, all thereafter who became believers were baptized. So it was, too, that Paul, when he believed, was baptized.

### Here Observe:

- 1) Being born again is mandatory to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 2) Faith is tied directly to the necessity of baptism.
- 3) Paul was baptized when he believed.

Tertullian’s reference to Paul is from Acts 9:18. Immediately, something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized. Paul gives us more detail in Act 22:16 where he is commanded by Ananias, to rise and be **baptized to wash away your sins**, calling on his name.

Do not be deceived, the doctrines of men are nullifying the word of God. Tertullian and the scriptures do not align with the teachings of most of Evangelical Christianity.

# Church Father- Justin Martyr

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## (c 160, E) 1. 183 - Remission of Sins, Born Again, Repentance

“At our birth, we were born without our own knowledge or choice, but by our parents coming together... In order that we may not remain the children of necessity and of ignorance, but may become the children of choice and knowledge, and may obtain in the water the remission of sins formerly committed, there is pronounced over him who chooses to be born again, and has repented of his sins, the name of God the Father, the Lord of the universe.... And in the name of Jesus Christ... and in the name of the Holy Spirit.”

### Here Observe:

- 1) By choice, you can choose baptism to remit sins.
- 2) Baptism cleanses all sins committed before baptism.
- 3) Baptism is part of the process of being born again.
- 4) Repentance of sins is mandatory to be born again.
- 5) A declaration of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is made during baptism.

Would Justin Martyr get kicked out of the modern-day church for holding to his Biblical doctrines stated above?

# Other Church Fathers References

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Here are just a few references from our fathers that taught the bath of regeneration or a.k.a. the sacred bath:

- 1) Theophilus (c.180, E), 2.10.
- 2) Irenaeus (c. 180, E/W), 1.543. I.574.
- 3) Clement of Alexandria (c. 195, E) 2.215.
- 4) Tertullian (c. 198, W), 3.679.
- 5) Hippolytus (c. 200, W), 5.217
- 6) Origen (c. 288, E) 9.367.
- 7) Cyprian (c. 250, W), 5.388.
- 8) Methodius (c. 290, E) 6.320.

# A Few Question

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- 1) Why did the early church fathers teach baptism as part of the born-again experience?
- 2) Why did the early church teach that only Gnostic heretics rejected baptism as a means of salvation?
- 3) Why was baptism considered the bath of regeneration?
- 4) Why was baptism, the remission of sins and being born again presented as the conversion experience?
- 5) Why was baptism taught as the washing away of sins?

**The church fathers validate the scriptures.**

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt follows.

## 2. Rom 6:1-14 Baptized in Death, Old Self Crucified

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1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you do not know that all of us **who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death**? 4 We were **buried** therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in **newness of life**. (Read Rom 6:1-14)

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) In baptism, you are buried with Christ.
- 2) By dying in baptism, we are united by Christ's death and resurrection.
- 3) Baptism allows us to walk in the newness of life.
- 4) In baptism, our old self was crucified with Christ.
- 5) In baptism, we died to sin, so we should no longer live in it.
- 6) If we died to sin, then the life to be lived is unto God.
- 7) After baptism, sin must not reign in your mortal body.

Do not be deceived, if you are not buried with Christ in baptism, you cannot be saved. If you want to be saved, you must die in baptism. If you did not have this understanding when you were baptized, you did not have Christian baptism!

# Church Father-Justin Martyr

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## (160, E), 1.216 - Spiritual Circumcision in Baptism

We who have approached God through Him have received, not carnal, but spiritual circumcision, which Enoch and those like him observed. We **have received it through baptism** by God's mercy since we were sinners. And **all men alike may obtain it.**

### Here Observe:

- 1) We must approach God through Christ.
- 2) We receive spiritual circumcision through baptism preceded by repentance.
- 3) The Spirit of God circumcises the heart.
- 4) We receive God's mercy in baptism, and this is for all people.

**No baptism means no mercy.**

### 3. 1 Cor 12:12-13 Baptism in the Spirit

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12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit, we were **all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Christians are members of Christ's body.
- 2) We are all connected by the Spirit of God.
- 3) We were all baptized into one body.
- 4) We all drink of one Spirit.

The early church fathers believed that baptism and the receiving of the Spirit were connected to the body of Christ, his church.

The following quotation proves this.



# Church Father- Hermas

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## (c 150, W), 2.49 - Seal is Baptism

“Before a man bears the name of the Son of God, he is dead. But when he receives the seal, he lays aside his deadness and obtains life. **The seal, then, is the water. They descend into the water dead and they arise alive.**”

### Here Observe:

- 1) Hermas says it is not our confession that seals us; **it is our death in baptism**. He says we die in that water, and we arise alive. This is precisely what Paul taught in Rom 6:1-14.
- 2) How many modern-day converts believe they died when they went into the waters of baptism? Or for that matter, willingly died to their old way of life.

The theology is clear: **you must die to be born again**. This death only occurs in baptism.

## 4. Gal 3:25-27 Baptism Puts on Christ

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“25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as **were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**”

**Here observe:**

- 1) In Christ, we become sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ
- 2) In baptism, we put on Christ by expressing our faith in Him.
- 3) Faith gets us connected and keeps us connected.

Do not be deceived- only in baptism can you put on Christ. If you disagree, your argument is with God and the holy scriptures.

# Church Father-Clement of Alexandria

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**(c. 195 E), 2.215 - Sonship, Washed, Saved**

“Being baptized, we are illuminated. Illuminated, we become sons... This work is variously called grace, illumination, perfection and washing. Washing, by which **we cleanse away our sin.** Grace, by which the penalties accruing to transgressions are **remitted**. Illumination, by which that holy light of salvation is beheld, that is, by which we see God clearly.”

## **Here Observe:**

- 1) Clement says that in baptism, we are cleansed.
- 2) Our penalties are remitted by grace, and we become sons.
- 3) Clement ties illumination to baptism and sonship.

## 5. Col 2:12-15 Buried With Christ

12 Having been **buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, **having forgiven us all our trespasses**, 14 by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in him.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Paul clarifies that being buried with Him is not optional.
- 2) All true Christians were buried with Christ in baptism through faith.
- 3) All true Christians are also raised with him through faith.
- 4) In baptism, Christians are made alive with Christ.
- 5) In baptism, our record of debt is cancelled.
- 6) Our record of debt is nailed to the cross through baptism.

Please notice that if you were not buried with Christ in baptism, you have not been forgiven your trespasses, and your record of debt still stands.

May I suggest getting baptized for the remission of sins, preceded by repenting of your sins and proving your repentance by your deeds.

## 6. 1 Pet 3:20 Baptism Saves You

**20** because they formerly did not obey when God's patience waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. **21Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you,** not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22**who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

### **Here observe:**

- 1) Peter says the salvation of Noah's family was by water.
- 2) Peter connects Noah's family salvation to Christian baptism.
- 3) Peter says baptism now saves you.

Let's not forget Peter's words in Acts 2:38-39. Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.

Have things changed? If Peter were a preacher today, would he preach to ask Jesus into your heart, to say the sinner's prayer or come down for an altar call? No, he would preach repent and be baptized for the remission of sins? Perhaps Peter was only kidding when he said that baptism now saves you.

## 7. Titus 3:5-6 Washed Away our Sins

5he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the **washing of regeneration** and **renewal of the Holy Spirit**,  
6whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### Here Observe:

- 1) Our conversion to Christ occurs by the washing of regeneration.
- 2) The Holy Spirit is poured out on us at the washing.
- 3) Regeneration is the work of Christ and the Spirit, resulting in the hope of eternal life.

Do not be deceived, everyone must be baptized in obedience and for the remission of sins.

Paul's teachings in Rom 6:1-14, Col 2:12-15, and now Titus 3:5-6 all connect the washing of regeneration to Christian baptism. The early church believed this, as evidenced by the following six (6) quotes.

# Bath of Regeneration

CYPRIAN (C. 250, W), 5.388

IRENÆUS (C. 180, E/W), 1.574

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“The blessed apostle sets forth and proves that baptism is that by which the **old man dies** and the **new man is born**, saying. “He saved us by the washing of regeneration.”

Did not Paul in Rom 6:1-14 say the old man has to die? Yes, in baptism, the washing of regeneration occurs, just as Cyprian said.

Scripture says, “And he dipped himself seven times in the Jordan.” It was not for nothing that Naaman of old when suffering from leprosy, was purified upon his being baptized. Rather, this was a symbol of us. For as we are lepers in sin, we are made clean from our old transgressions by means of the sacred water and the invocation of the Lord. We are spiritually regenerated as newborn babies, just as the Lord has declared: “Unless a man is born again through water and the Spirit he will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

# Bath of Regeneration

NOVATION (C. 235, W), 5.641

CYPRIAN (C. 250, W), 5.382

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It is the Holy Spirit who effects with water the second birth, as a certain seed of **divine generation**. It is a consecration of a **heavenly birth** and the pledge of a promised inheritance.

By the help of the water of new birth, the stain of former years had been **washed away**, and a light from above-- serene and pure— had been infused into my reconciled heart. Then by the agency of the **Spirit breathed from heaven a second birth had restored me to a new man.**



# Bath of Regeneration

CYPRIAN (C. 250, W), 5.551

METHODIUS (C. 290,W), 6.336

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All sins are **put away in baptism**.  
In the first epistle of Paul to the  
Corinthians: ... And these things  
indeed you were. But you are  
**washed**, but you are **sanctified** in  
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This denotes the faith of those  
who are **cleansed from corruption**  
in the bath (i.e., baptism)

## 8. 1 Cor 1:13 Baptized Tied to Crucifixion

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13 Is Christ divided? **Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?**

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Christ was crucified for you, not Paul.
- 2) Everyone was not baptized in the name of Paul but in the name of Jesus.
- 3) Paul connects your baptism to the crucifixion of Christ.
- 4) Paul emphatically states they were all baptized.

We have learned from these 8 passages that one must be baptized for the remission of sins and must receive the Holy Spirit to be saved. Both are necessary, and they are not always in the same order. Some receive the Spirit and are baptized. Some are baptized and then receive the Spirit, and some receive the Spirit by the laying on of hands. The point is you must be born of water and the Spirit; our part is being born in water. God's part is giving the Holy Spirit.

# Biblical Teachings on Baptism

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## 4 Things We Must Do:

- 1) Hear the Gospel.
- 2) Believe the Gospel. (That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who died and rose again, having all authority in heaven and earth.)
- 3) Repent (slide 7) and be Baptized for the Remission of Sins.
- 4) Call upon the Name of Christ in Baptism. (Name represents Christ's authority)  
Christ said- Do it in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## 4 Things God Will Do:

- 1) God washes sins away.
- 2) God forgives our past sins and record of debt, sanctifying us for service.
- 3) God saves our souls.
- 4) God gives the Spirit, and we are Born Again by the Spirit of God.

I am asking you to believe the Bible and to reject the doctrines of men.

**Note:** We must also continue to walk in the faith by the power of the Spirit after our conversion.

# Conclusion

1. The testimony of scripture and the church fathers does not align with the teaching of the modern church. The modern church teaches the same heresy that Irenaeus was fighting 1800 years ago, that knowledge of perfect redemption is Christian conversion. In other words, asking Jesus into your heart, saying the sinner's prayer, or coming down for an altar call is salvation.
2. The Bible and the church fathers taught that a person must have Godly sorrow for sin, agree to turn from their sin and die in the waters of baptism with Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and they must receive the Holy Spirit.
3. I pray the organized church will recognize Satan's deception. God really did say through the Holy Spirit that repentance and baptism are necessary for the forgiveness of sins and salvation.
4. Back to my question. Who are you going to believe, the Bible, the doctrines of men, or the Satanic lie- Did God really say?
5. The modern church is no different than the Corinthians. Another Jesus, a different spirit and another gospel are being proclaimed, and the church has readily accepted it.