Introduction: Our text deals with “baptism”. What it means? Its origin, purpose, authority? In our text the people at Ephesus had been taught by a sincere and eloquent man, Apollos, they desired to serve the living and true God. Not continuing in idolatry or looking to the Law of Moses but to Christ. He is the means of our salvation.

**I) What is it?**

**A) Means .**

1. – is the Greek word, transliterated into the English as baptize.

2. Not pour which is ; or sprinkle which is **Acts 8:37 -38.**

**B) An act mentioned in the .**

1. Exclusively in the N.T. not an Old Testament action, or part of the Law of Moses.

**C) Used differently**

1. baptism promised by Jesus to the Apostles. **Mark 1:8**

2. Baptism of ,**Matthew 3:1 -6; Mark 1:4.**

3. Baptism with the preaching of the .

a. Commanded by, the of Christ. **Matthew 28:18 -20**

b. Those who were commanded to be . **Mark 16:15 -16.**

4. Purpose ( ?); a. “For the ” **Acts 2:38.**

b. Two comparable passages. **Matthew 26:26 -28, Acts 22:16.**'

c. Baptism places one in . **Galatians 3:26 -27.**

**D) The**

**II) Acts 18.24-9.6 Our Text**

**A) The baptism of Acts 18:24 -25.**

1. This was after Jesus’ death on the cross and after the Day of .

2. The teacher, Apollos, was sincere as were those being .

3. Something was , incomplete or wrong. **Acts 18:26.**

a. Did not have the of Jesus.

b. Not into the .

**B) The baptism of Acts 19:1 -6.**

1. They knew nothing about the .

2. The baptism of John was valid for a time but not now.

**III) Lessons Learned**

**A) Baptism is connected to the**

1. By His and for the right .

2. What if it is not by the right authority or purpose.

3. Examples; a. What if I am baptized in order to join a civic organization? b. What if I am not immersed but simply have water poured or sprinkled on me? c. What if I am baptized not because Jesus says so but because a convention of men says so?

**B) Baptism is connected to the**

1. If one is taught right then their baptism can be right but if one is taught wrong then they are baptized wrong.

2. There are religious groups who teach a person is saved first and then baptized. Is that what the Bile says?

3. What if a person is baptized and later comes to believe Jesus is the Son of God, is that right?

Conclusion: **Ephesians 1:7** It is through our obedience to the Gospel were are saved by the blood of Christ. Remember, nothing is settled until it is settled right and nothing is settled right until it is settled by the word of God.