

Questions About Whether Baptism and Worshipping on the Sabbath is Enough to Come Out of Babylon

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Coming out of Babylon is simply getting baptized and worshipping on the Sabbath?

Answer:

That's an important question — and you're not alone in wondering about it. Let's take a moment to look deeper, with kindness and clarity.

Is “Coming Out of Babylon” Simply Baptism and Sabbath-Keeping?

Short answer: No, it's much deeper than that. While **baptism** and **Sabbath observance** are two visible and meaningful aspects of following Jesus, **coming out of Babylon** is a *spiritual journey* that involves the **entire surrender of the heart, mind, and life to God's truth, character, and call**.

What Does It Mean to Come Out of Babylon?

Revelation 18:4 says:

“Come out of her, My people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

This is not just about changing your schedule (Sabbath) or joining a church (baptism). It's about **rejecting deception and aligning with truth**.

Babylon in Bible Prophecy Represents:

- **Spiritual confusion** (mixing truth with error – Revelation 17)
- **Man-made traditions over God's Word** (Mark 7:7–9)
- **Religious systems that persecute or misrepresent God's character** (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13)
- **False teachings, including about death, hell, salvation, worship, etc.** (2 Thess. 2:9–12)

So “Coming Out” Means:

1. **Leaving behind false doctrines** and corrupted forms of Christianity

2. **Turning fully to Jesus as Lord and Savior** (John 14:6)
3. **Living by the Word of God alone** (Matthew 4:4)
4. **Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit** and a heart that loves truth (John 16:13)
5. **Joining the movement of God's remnant people** who keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12)

Baptism & Sabbath: Part of the Process

- **Baptism:** Symbolizes that you've *died to the world's ways* and now *live in Christ* (Romans 6:3–6). It's a declaration of leaving Babylon spiritually.
- **Sabbath:** Honors God as *Creator, Redeemer, and Rest-Giver*. Observing the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) is a sign of loyalty to the **Creator God**, not tradition or man-made authority (Exodus 20:8–11; Ezekiel 20:12, 20; Revelation 14:7).

But again, **these are fruits, not the root**. Many have been baptized and attend church on Sabbath but **remain mentally and emotionally tied to Babylon** — in their values, media, pride, and priorities.

God Is Calling People OUT of Babylon Because He Loves Them

This call is not about superiority or legalism. It's a *loving invitation* to:

- Know God more deeply
- Understand His truth clearly
- Be protected from deception
- Be prepared for Jesus' return

Final Thoughts

So no — “coming out of Babylon” is not just about baptism and Sabbath. It's about **leaving every lie behind** and fully embracing **Jesus as your Truth, Way, and Life** (John 14:6).