



BAPTISM



MASTER BOOKLET

3.1 BAPTISM



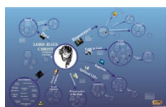
KEY OBJECTIVES

- Understand the definition of Baptism
- Understand the purpose of Baptism
- Understand the connection of Baptism with the new covenant
- See an example of first-century baptisms
- Learn how to baptize someone yourself
- Understand the context of baptism from a Jewish perspective
- Understand false teachings about baptism

OMISSION

Remaining in disobedience and unsaved

Unable to assist others with complete message of salvation



Prezi link for the Introduction:

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Legend Keys:



- Read scripture



- Heart question



- Draw



- Memory verse



- Greek word



- Hebrew word



- Group practice



- Watch YouTube



- Key scripture















- Group discussion






- Prayer point



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Before we begin it is important to emphasize that gaining scriptural knowledge in itself, though important, is not enough to change our characters. Putting biblical knowledge into practice is the key, that teaches truth and the power of God changes hearts and lives. (John 8:31-32).

Reflection

What did you learn in your last session and were able to put into practice?

With what did you struggle to put into practice?



What can you keep on doing or change to grow?

Pray together about your transformation.

Are you getting out of this training project what you want? Why? Why not?

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baptizō (bap-tid'-zo)

to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe, to overwhelm

Physician Nicander pickle recipe (200 B.C.)

***Immersed vegetables
(Baptized vegetables)***

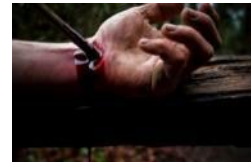


***Immersed Ship
(Baptizes ship)***



JESUS BLOOD

Mat 26:26-28 *While they were eating, Jesus ...read all*
Who forgives our sins?



What is it that forgives our sins?

When did Jesus shed his blood for us (Heb 9:22)?

When, how, where do we receive Jesus' blood for our forgiveness?



Are you willing to receive Jesus' blood for the forgiveness of your sins?



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FIRST CONVERSIONS



Act 2:36-38 *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: ...read all*

What were the two major events before this sermon in the life of Jesus?



Did you crucify the Son of God, both Lord and Christ?

Are you deeply cut to the heart because of your involvement in the cross?

Have you repented of Jesus Christ the Son of God and your sins?

Were you baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (for no other reason)?

Did you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? How would you know that?

Are you living as a disciple of Jesus Christ?



BURIED INTO CHRIST

Rom 6:1-5 *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinningread all*

When do we transfer our sins to Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins? Or when do we connect with Jesus' blood so that we can receive forgiveness of our sins?

When do we start our new lives in Christ?




Have you ever considered baptism as being the start of your new life?





FAITH IN HIS POWER

 **Col 2:11-12** *In him you were also circumcised.....*

When are we circumcised by Christ?

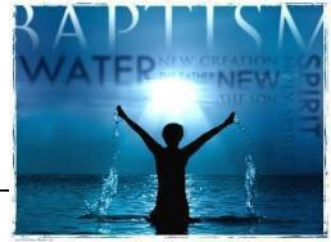
Who's hands are at work at baptism?

What do we need to do to be raised from the dead?



Do you have saving faith?

What can you do about it?



BAPTISM COMMANDED



Book of Matthews



Mat 28:18-20 *Then Jesus came to them*

Who is a candidate for baptism?

How should they be baptized?

What should happen afterwards we are baptized?

What should a baptized disciple be taught and how?



Are you willing to be taught everything Jesus commanded after your baptism?



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Book of Mark

 **Mar 16:14-16** *Later Jesus appeared to the Elevenread all*


Who is speaking to the disciples?

What did Jesus command them to do with believers?

What happens with someone that believes and is baptized?

Is this teaching consistent with all the other scriptures about the meaning of baptism?

CONNECTED WITH THE KEYS

 **Mat 16:18-19** *I will give you the keys of the kingdom...read all*

Who has the keys and to do what?

(Act 2:36-38 *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: ...read all)*

Who did the first NT conversions?

What does these keys do?

What are the keys?



FIRST-CENTURY CONVERSIONS

Act 2:14-41 "Therefore let all Israel be assured ofRead all
Watch the video for instructions on how to teach the Seven Kingdom Keys.

YouTube - Seven Kingdom Keys

<https://www.jesUSDust.org/sevenkingdomkeys>



Visualize Seven Kingdom Keys

Course Preparation

Small groups of a maximum of 5 people
Pencil, eraser, blank A4 paper, and a folder



Objective

- Learn to follow the strategy Jesus modelled for our ministries.
- Understand the principles the first disciples modelled to add disciples to the Kingdom of God.
- Empower ordinary disciples with biblical technique to baptise people.
- Provide a space where participants can learn to use the bible and the practice presenting the content to others.

Course Participation

Participants will draft their own study material as part of the training which will count towards their certification.

Use and empty template to complete the answers below.

Read and study Matt 16:13-20 in the small groups.

Discuss and complete your answers below in the template:

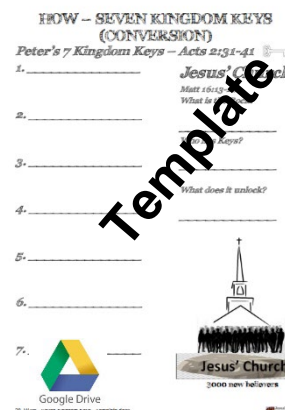
Draw: Rock (Jesus the Son of God)

What is the Rock?

Draw: Keys (Special way to enter God's kingdom)

Who has Keys?

What does it unlock?



Study the Act 2:31-41 in the small groups.

Discuss and complete your answers below in the template:

- Who is speaking?
- What did the people understand from the sermon before they were baptised?
- What can we learn from their attitude when they were baptised?

Draw: Crown (Jesus the Son of God)

Jon 3:16; Php 2:9-11; Isa 9:6

Q: Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Yes/ No

Draw: Arrow down (death), cross (Jesus on crucified), arrow up (resurrection)



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Do you believe that Jesus died and resurrected from the dead? Yes/ No
Col 2:11-12; Rom 10:9

Draw: Angry face (we crucified Christ Jesus)
Do you believe you are responsible of crucifying Christ? Yes/ No
Isa 53:1-12

Draw: broken heart (cut to the heart)
Are you broken about what you have done to Christ Jesus? Yes/ No
Isa 53:1-12

Draw: arrow hook (repent/ changes mind/ Jesus Lord of your life)
Are you willing to give up your sins? Yes/ No
In small groups confess your sins to each other. Yes/ No
Are you willing to make Jesus Lord of your life and become a disciple? Yes/ No
2Co 7:8-11; Mat 28:18-20

Draw: Arrow in and out the water (Baptism)
What happen when you are baptized? (Forgiveness of sins)
Have you willing to be baptized this way? Are you willing to baptize others?
Rom 6:1-7

Draw: Flame (Holy Spirit)
When do you receive the holy spirit? (At baptism)
Rom 8:9-11
Make turns in your group to share what you can obey because of the study.

Find the Seven Kingdom Keys as part of our Four Fields training series.

20. HOW - Seven Kingdom Keys



**HOW - SEVEN KINGDOM KEYS
(BASICS OF CONVERSION)**

Peter's 7 Kingdom Keys - Acts 2:13-41

- 1. Son of God**
Ans: John 1:1-14; 1:29-34
Isa 9:6
Jesus' Church
Matt 16:13-19
Who is Jesus?
Answer: Son of living God
- 2. Resurrection from the dead**
1Co 15:1-12
Rom 10:9
Resurrection
What is the Rock?
Answer: Jesus Christ
Who has Keys?
Answer: Peter
What does it unlock?
Answer: Kingdom Heaven Church
- 3. You crucified Christ**
Isa 53:1-12
Judgement
- 4. Cut to the heart**
Luk 24:17-48
- 5. Repent (Change Mind)**
2Co 7:8-11
- 6. Baptism**
Rom 6:1-7
- 7. Holy Spirit**
Rom 8:9-11
Jesus' Church
30000 new believers




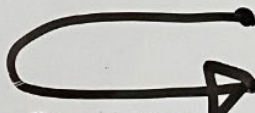
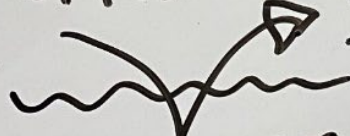

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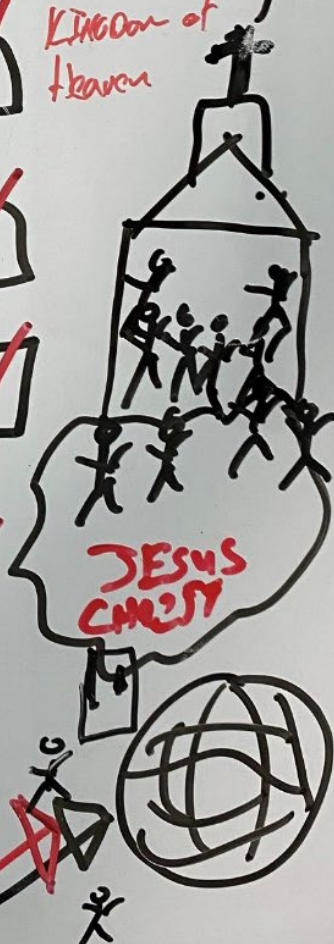
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HOW-SEVEN KINGDOM KEYS

1. **SON OF GOD** *Acts 2:32-41* **FAITH** ☒ *Math 16:13-20*

2. **RESURRECTION** *phl 2:9-11* ☒
 DEAD → LIFE *1 Cor 15:9*
 FAITH → NEW
3. **YOU CRUCIFIED CHRIST** *Isa 53:1-12* ☒

 S.M. JUDGEMENT
 What/How is the Rock?
 JESUS CHRIST
 Who has the keys?
 Peter *
 What does key unlock?
 Kingdom of Heaven
4. **CUT TO THE HEART** *Luk 20:17-18* ☒

5. **REPENT (CHANGE MIND)** ☒

 JESUS
 S.M. *2 Cor 7:8-11*
6. **BAPTISM** *1 Cor 15:1-9* ☒

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7. **HOLY SPIRIT** *Rom 8:9-11* ☒




JESUS CHRIST



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ONLY ONE BAPTISM

 **Eph 4:4-6** *There is one body and one Spirit—just as ...read all*

List all the possible baptisms?

What baptism did Peter and Paul teach the disciples?



Do you believe there is only one baptism? Are you willing to teach others the same?



SAVED AT BAPTISM?

Do the scriptures teach that we are saved at baptism? Tick the correct option below:

Mar 16:16 *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

1Pe 3:21 *and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Tit 3:5 *he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Joh 3:5 *Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.*


☐ Yes

☐ No





RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT


 **Act 19:2-5** and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy ...read all
Act 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of ...read all
When did Jesus receive the Spirit?

Why did these disciples (not) receive the Holy Spirit?



Did you receive the Spirit of God?


BAPTIZED INTO THE ONE BODY

 **1Co 12:13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit into ...read all
What is the body?



Where you baptized into the body?


CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

 **Gal 3:27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ ...read all



Have you been clothed with Christ this way?

RESURRECTION

 **1Co 15:29** Now if there is no resurrection, what will ...read all
Why are people baptized for the dead?



What do you have to do to participate in the resurrection?



Visualize Baptizing Disciples

In the center page draw a disciple getting baptized.



WHY:

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**.

Act 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "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.

Tit 3:4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the **washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit**, 6 whom he poured out on us generously **through Jesus Christ** our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the **hope of eternal life**.

WHO CAN DO THE BAPTIZING:

Joh 4:1 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his **disciples**.

WHO CANDIDATES FOR BEING BAPTIZING:

Mat 28:19 Therefore go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing **them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,....

Act 2:41 **Those who accepted his message** were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

WHERE:

Joh 3:23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was **plenty of water**, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.

WHEN:

Act 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number **that day**.

WHAT:

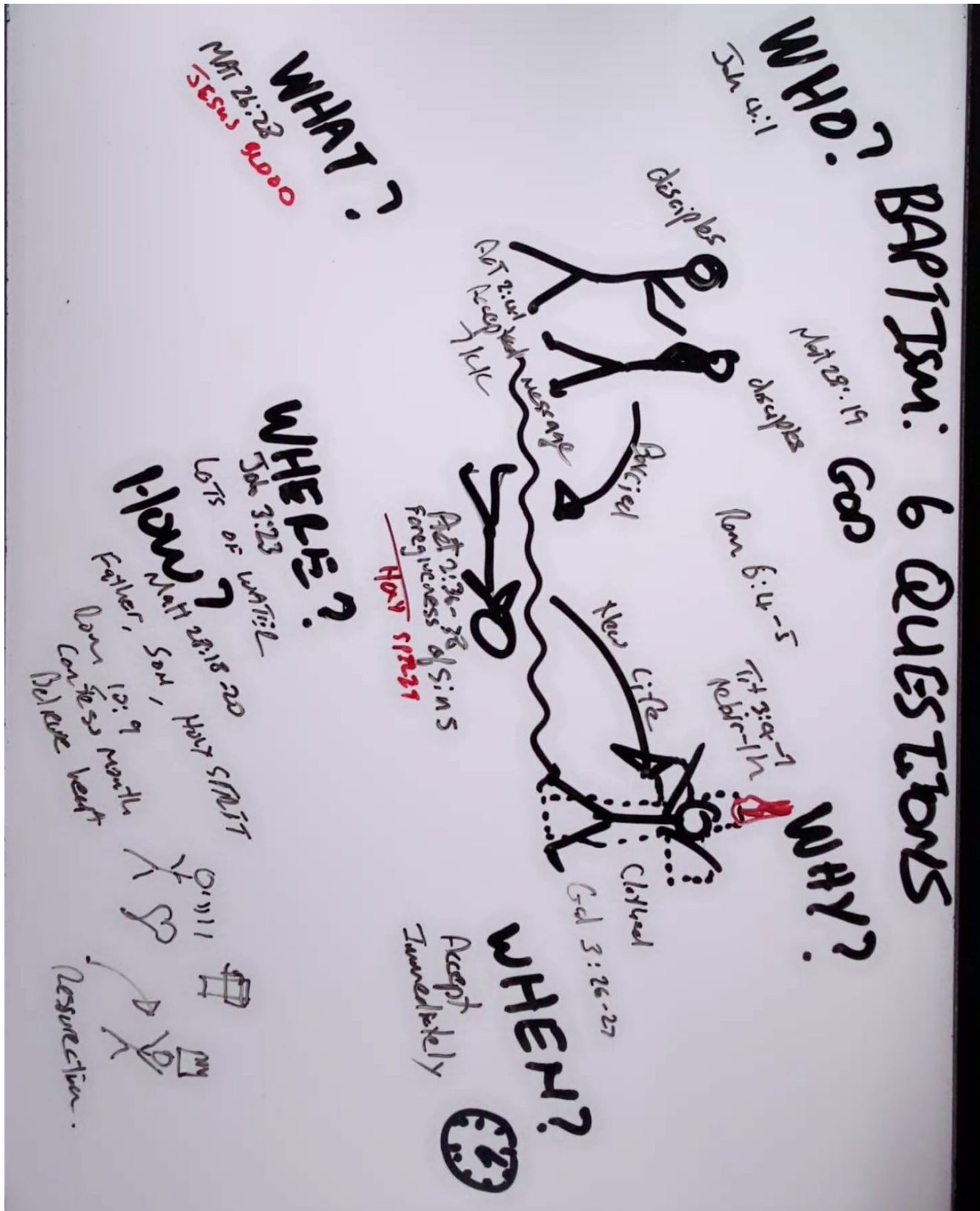
Mat 26:28 This is my **blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for **many for the forgiveness of sins**.

Rom 6:4 We were therefore **buried with him through baptism into death** in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life**. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.





BAPTISM: WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHERE, HOW, WHEN?





EXAMPLES



Jesus Example



Mat 3:16 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up ...read all*

Why did Jesus get baptized?

When did Jesus receive the Spirit?

Why should you get baptized?

First-Century Church



Act 2:36-41 *"Therefore let all Israel be assured ofread all*

Before this event, what did the Jews do to be saved?

What did Peter accuse the crowd of doing?

What was their response?

What did Peter tell them to do?

What was the purpose of their baptism?

JAILER



Act 16:30-34 *He then brought*

What was the jailer's question?




What was his actions as a result of his question?

Why were they baptized in the middle of the night?



ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

 **Act 8:26-41** And he gave orders to ...read all

What did Philip tell the eunuch?

What was the result of the discussion between Philip and the Ethiopian Enoch?



What stand in your way of being baptized?



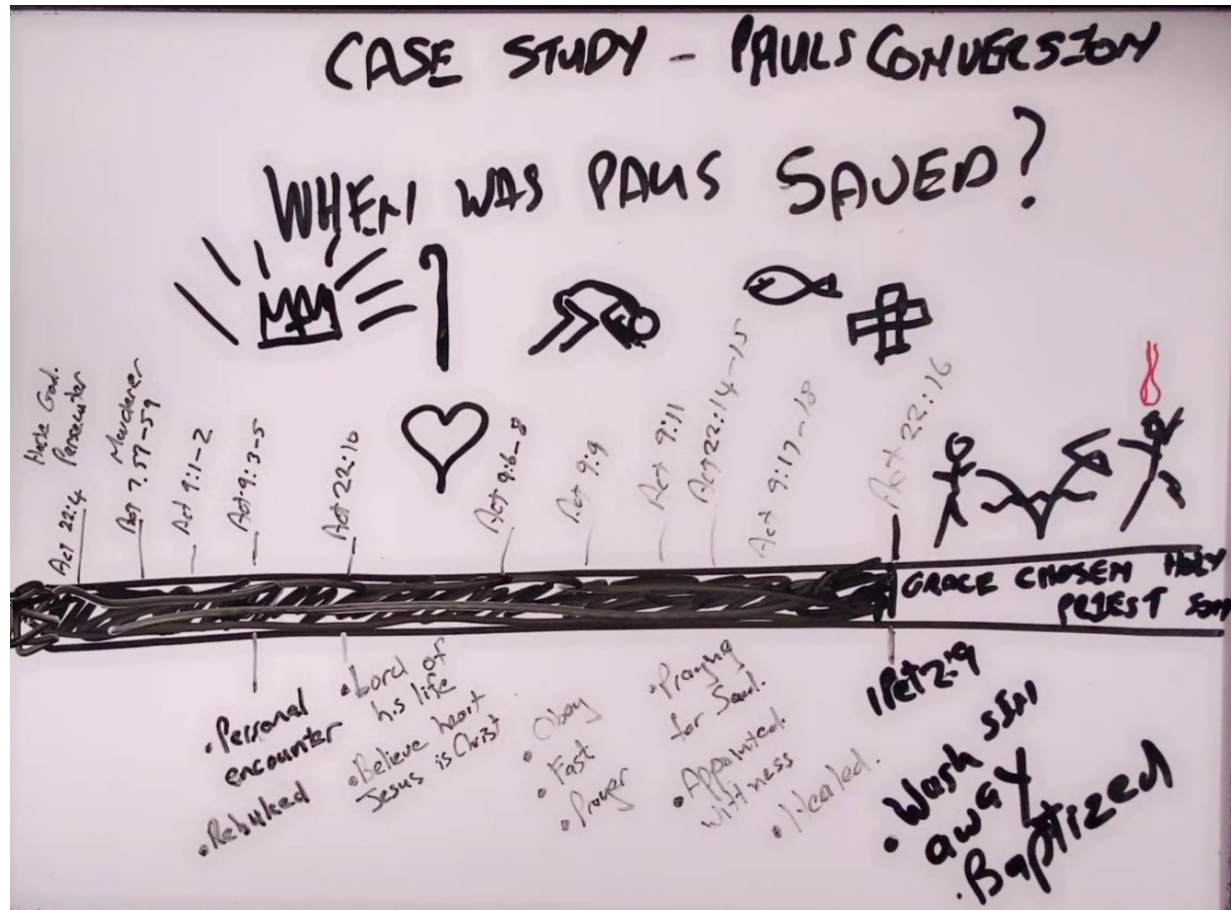
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CASE STUDY - PAUL'S CONVERSION

 **Act 22:6-16** "About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from

Act 9:1-18 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples





When did Paul come to faith in Jesus Christ?

Did Paul's encounter with Jesus save him?

Did the healing on Paul save him?

Did Paul's fasting save him?

When was Paul saved?

Should we trust religious teachers of God Word's?



Did you do everything to be saved the Bible way?

THE RIGHT BAPTISM

John's Baptism



Act 19:1-7 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took ...read all

Did they receive the Holy Spirit when they believed?

What was the solution for to receive the Holy Spirit"?



Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? How would you know?

What can you do about it?



Simply Baptized into Jesus

Act 8:15-17 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and ...read all

Did the simple baptism into Jesus give them the Holy Spirit?

What was required for them to receive the Holy Spirit?



Does your life bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit?

How: Baptism Ceremony Guideline

Rom 6:1-5 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning

1. Heart

Rom 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth.....read all
Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Resurrected Son of God?

Answer: Yes I do.

OR

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Resurrected Son of God.

(Also see 1Ti 6:12)

2. Mouth

What is your good confession?

Answer: Jesus is my Lord.

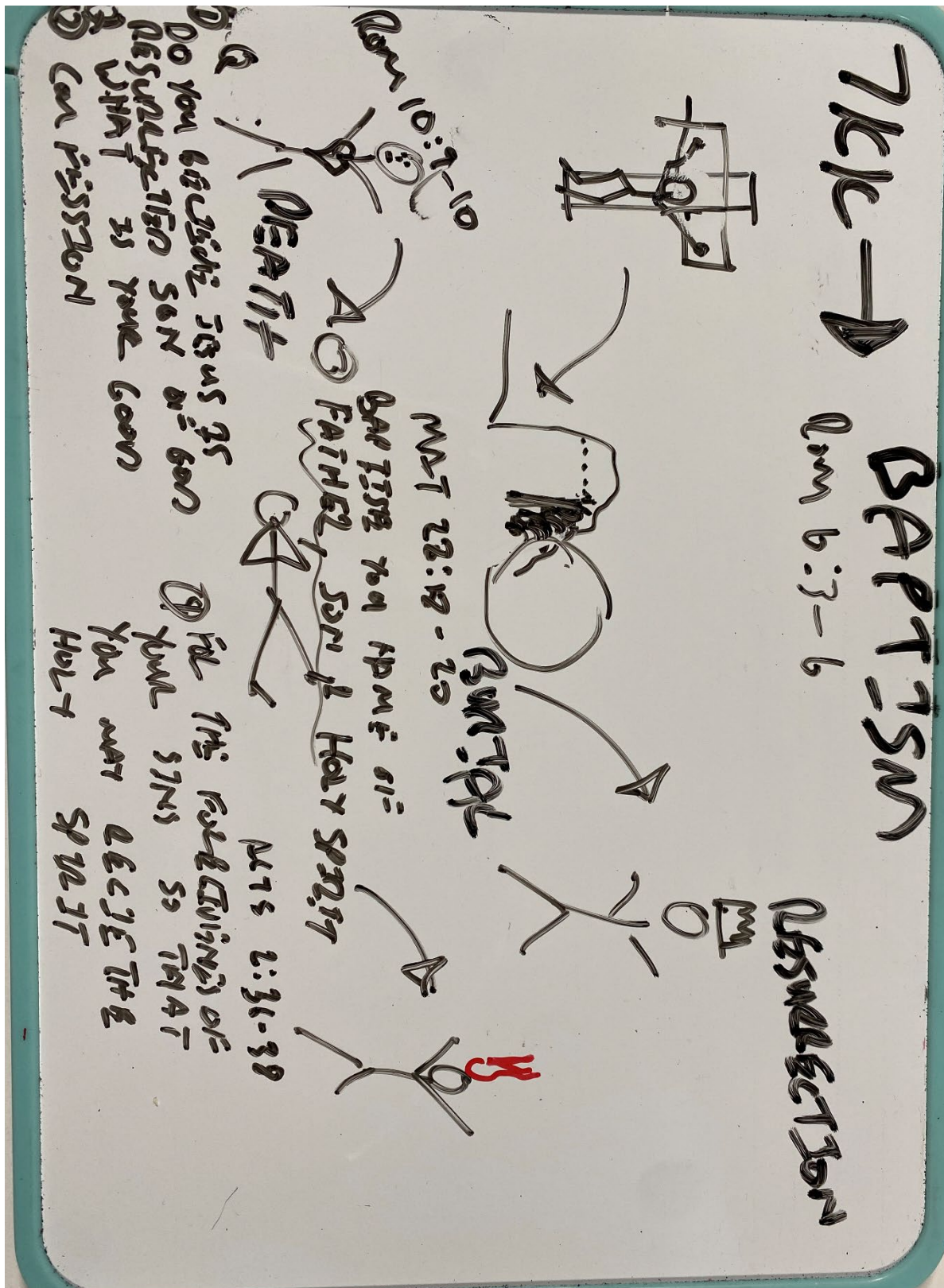
3. Baptised as Commanded

Mat 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ...read all
Submerge the disciple into water:

Say: Because of your good confession and commitment to Christ Jesus, I can now baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
What is your good confession:	JESUS IS LORD
Do you believe in your heart that God made this Jesus (his only Son) that HE raised him from the dead after he died for your sins?	YES
Because of your good confession and commitment to Christ Jesus, I can now baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Submerge person into the water







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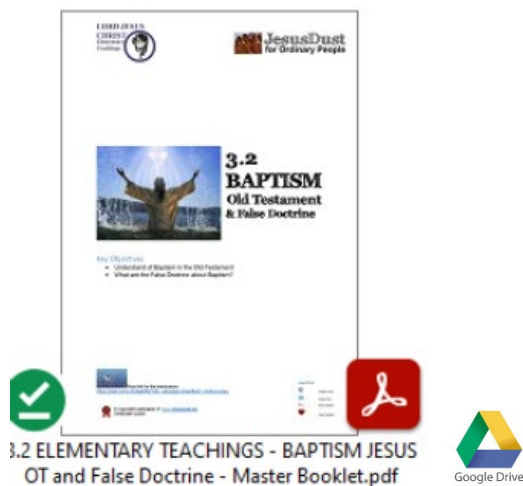
False Doctrine about Salvation

Luk 7:29 All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. **30** But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.

Mat 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

For more information on false doctrine, you can study:

[3.2 ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS - BAPTISM JESUS OT and False Doctrine - Master Booklet](#)





MY STORY - BAPTISM

What can one expect when you are on the wrong side of God? Even when we are in a godless state, Jehovah is at work in our lives. We might be separated, but God works for the good of the saved and unsaved.

As a young man in 1983, I was part of the South African police force, stationed at Brixton and living at John Forster Square Police station. The country was in a violent state, exposing us on a daily basis to the worst of humanity, death, gruesome events, brokenness, and much more. The environment took its toll on us as we worked daily in these conditions. The police employed chaplains to look after the emotional and spiritual welfare of the police, but we never saw them.



During this time, I witnessed how my colleagues committed suicide, abused liquor, and acted violently, all under the direct eye of the religious police chaplains. There was a disconnect between the role of the religious leaders and finding truth and finding God. For many religious leaders, it is just a job, and many are deceived themselves. Yet, there are many religious leaders that does teach the truth but that is hard to determine when you yourself are ignorant. So, I did not understand salvation, what the Bible teaches about salvation, or how to attain salvation.

At the birth of my oldest son Peter, my wife and I were traditionally and religiously obligated to participate in the usual infant baptism. We had no idea who to ask to perform the "christening" of our son. Because of bad experiences with religious leaders and my sceptic nature, I no longer trusted the religious leaders.

Obviously, the pressure was mounting from our family to "get on with the christening", as most of the arrangements were being made. The baby's christening dress was arranged, a cake was baked and my grandfather of over 80 heart was checked, who would have carried our son into the church.

In search for answers, we studied the bible, but somehow none of the scriptures encouraged us to perform the traditional christening. There was no command in the Bible for the parents to perform a christening and no convincing examples of infant baptism. The only close case was that of the jailer in Act 16:33.

Act 16:33 *At that hour of the night, the jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds. Right away he and his whole family were baptized.*

It was rather unlikely for infants to be part of this baptism since it was conducted in the middle of the night and children were not explicitly mentioned in this example or anywhere else.

One wonders why there seemed to be an urgency related to the baptism of the jailer and his family. This all does not equate with the modern-day infant sprinkling. It is evident that baptism in the first century was not performed as part of a church ritual and that there was a great urgency around getting baptized. All the first-century baptism examples support this view.

The dilemma grew for us. It became difficult to apply and equate the examples in the Scripture as justification for the sprinkling of our son, Peter. We were confronted with scriptures that point towards adult baptism rather than infant baptism, and the case grew stronger the more time I spend in the scriptures.

Although we were in an ideal situation to seek justification for infant baptism, we took a neutral stance on the matter and sought guidance from the scriptures.





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In a final attempt by the family to persuade us to perform infant baptism, they commissioned a professor from the University of Pretoria to meet with us. I had three questions for the learned man:

Is there a scripture that commands parents to christen their infants?

He answered: **“there is no command in the scriptures for parents to sprinkle their infants.”**

According to the professor, it was all about dedicating children to God. But for this, even a simple prayer will do. Baptism was nowhere used in the Scripture for the dedication of children to God. Children are automatically made holy through the faith of one believing partner in a marriage.

1Co 7:14 *For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.*

The second question was:

Are there any negative consequences if we don't christen our son?

He answered: **“there are no negative consequences according to the scriptures for both the child and the parent if they don't christen their child.”**

I did not want to perform some religious ritual to please my family unless it was a clear command in the Scripture. What amazed me was that the professor based the argument more on tradition and rituals than on a biblical basis.

My third question was:

What happens if I perform infant baptism (sprinkle) on my son?

He answered: **“nothing really. it is simply a promise to God that you dedicate you son to him.”**

There was no further true biblical argument around why we should christen our son. Abraham circumcision does not equate to baptism, and if it was circumcision, it had to be performed within seven days from birth or else the child would be cut off from Israel. Theologians tried in many ways to justify infant baptism, but all the reasons provided was a weak case. Any explanation required a complex and extreme deductive justification to prove the point. The explanations were surely not simple. It is our human nature to justify our current views, to find arguments to explain the desired answer.

So, what is baptism really all about? If we would have asked a Hebrew reader what baptism is all about, what would they answered? Or if we asked the first disciples/ Christians that were baptized by Peter in Acts 2, what would they have said about baptism as a doctrine? Remember they come from a Jewish religious background.

Washing (Baptism) played an important part all over in the Old Testament. The people were instructed to wash (baptize) their clothes, Aaron and his sons were commanded to wash their hands and feet before entering the Tent of Meeting or else



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they would die. Washing was a serious act of worship and performed many times in all kinds of ways and in many situations. Special baths were made for this ritual, and these huge baths are the very place where the first baptisms were performed in Acts 2 by Paul.

The word washing and baptism is synonym between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Baptism is similar to the washing of the Old Testament, a spiritual cleansing act before God.

Peter explain that it is not a physical act but baptism equates to a prayer for salvation.

1Pe 3:20 *who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

The powerful washing is, therefore still used in the New Testament as the cleansing way from the former way of life. Maybe now it makes sense why the jailer was so urgent with the cleansing process.

If you read carefully, you will find in most baptism examples in the New Testament there is a sense of urgency involved. All baptisms are performed on the spot with not a single example of an organized church meeting where baptisms are to be performed. Have a look at the urgency of the examples below:

The first sermon and baptisms in Acts

Act 2:37 *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "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. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

The Ethiopian eunuch on the road

Act 8:36 *As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 37 [Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.*

Sauls conversion in the desert





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Act 9:17 *Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.*

First Gentile baptisms

Act 10:47 *"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.*

Conversion of Lydia

Act 16:15 *When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.*

The urgency of baptism revolves around the understanding that we somehow need Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God and the only way of becoming part of this promise of God is through the baptism of ceremonial washing.

That is why Peter in Acts 2 warns the people to get baptized. Paul explains our participation in baptism clearly in Romans 6.

Rom 6:4 *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Faith is the foundation for salvation and a prerequisite for baptism.

Col 2:12 *having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*

Baptism is probably the easiest biblical topic to study because all you have to do is search "baptism" with an electronic bible tool and then go through the scriptures.

Mar 16:16 *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever*



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does not believe will be condemned.

Jesus says believe and be baptized.

Mat 28:19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

The case grows, and one can continue to “churn out scriptures”. The point is maybe around personal urgency. If there is no urgency, then baptism remains a dogmatic argument. What are the reasons why we argue against adult baptism?

My advice is to put aside the religious past and follow the biblical model for salvation and cleansing. We should be careful not to hold onto false religion and church tradition.

For our firstborn son, Peter, the christening was off. We now had to break the news to our parents and family. It did not go well. There was big trouble in our family. All the arrangements were canceled. Now we had to face a new problem.

Both my wife and I were christened as infant with no recollection of the event. We appreciate the intention of our parents, but the ceremony do not align with scriptures or God’s commands. Not only did we cancel our son, Peter’s infant christening, but we informed our family that we, my wife and I, will be baptized instead. Our family’s perception was that we rejected our upbringing and religious traditions. This is not the case because we learned a lot from our parents and our tradition. But that was hard for them to see at the time. They did not share or understand our journey. Ultimately, we are accountable to God and need to follow his commands and decrees and not the tradition of men.

Mar 7:13 *Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."*

I am from a violent background and for me baptism was the point where I laid down my life and clothed myself with Christ. That is where all my past and future sins got wiped out by the power of Jesus Blood. Our baptism was a momentous moment in our lives. We had a clear understanding of why we were baptized and what saved us. We did not work for this but participated in God’s command.

We were baptized in some-one’s back pool and I had the honor to baptized my wife. It was the point of adoption into God’s family and we walked away with a clear conscious through Christ.

1Pe 3:20 *to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.*



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My mother in law backed christening cake for Peter's had to be eaten. Ironically, we celebrated our baptism by eating the christening cake. We did not have a smooth transition into our new Christian life with our parents and family.

Baptism has always been a controversial issue, even from the time of Jesus. By rejecting baptism, we reject God's salvation plan for your life. Even the Pharisees refused to accept a baptism which is similar to most biblical teachers today:

Luk 7:30 *But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.*

The bible is filled with scriptures that clarify baptism. It would be better to build you your conviction on your own bible study. Take some time out and study the scriptures in their biblical context.

If you have further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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INTO PRACTICE – WEEKLY ACCOUNTABILITY



The knowledge acquired is worthless and only puffs us up if we don't put it into practice.

1Co 8:1 *We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.*

Accept the Jewish view of baptism.

Ensuring you have been baptized according to the scriptures.

Ensuring that you received the Holy Spirit.

Teaching other non-Christians and disciples about biblical baptism.

Have you developed a willingness to: go, make disciples, baptize them, and teach them? What can you do about it?



Spend some time in prayer about hearing and submitting to God's work?



KEY OUTCOME

- ☐ Understand the definition of Baptism
- ☐ Understand the purpose of Baptism
- ☐ Understand the connection of Baptism with the new covenant
- ☐ See an example of first-century baptisms
- ☐ Learn how to baptize someone yourself
- ☐ Understand the context of baptism from a Jewish perspective
- ☐ Understand false teachings about baptism



MEMORY VERSE

Don't try and learn all the memory verses at once but only select one or two verses each week. Go at a pace that doesn't add too much pressure on yourself and others. You will find new meaning to the scriptures you memorize.

Rom 6:3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." Act 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Act 2:38 Peter replied, "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.

