

The One Baptism—A Mark That Matters

The Bible teaches very clearly that there is one baptism. This is a mark that matters. We are told: “4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Eph. 4:4. Yet in the religious world, there are many baptisms. Some baptize to put people into their denomination; some baptize for the false concept of original sin in spotless infants; and still others, for the sins of dead people so that they might have hope for relatives long gone. What do you think about your baptism? Were you baptized for the purpose taught in the Bible? The Bible teaches that at least four things happen when baptism is scriptural: the subject is baptized into Christ, baptized into the death of Christ, baptized into the church, and baptized unto the remission of sins.

Were you baptized into Christ? How important is it to be in Christ? Peter said: “12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12. It is essential to be in Christ, for therein is salvation! Salvation is in Christ and the true subject is baptized into Christ: “27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Gal.3:27.

Were you baptized into the death of Christ? Paul teaches very emphatically: “. 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.” Rom. 6: 3-4. Jesus told Nicodemus: “No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” John. 3:3. In his death, the blood of Jesus was poured out for many unto the remission of sins. Mt.26:28. His blood was shed at his death. John19: 34.

Were you baptized into the church? The saved are in the church. “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:47. He purchased the church with his own blood. Acts 20:28. “Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.” Eph. 5:23. He was given, “22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, Eph. 1:22. Finally, “For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body.” I Cor. 12:13.

Were you baptized unto the remission of sins? On the day of Pentecost, those that heard the gospel asked: “What shall we do?” Peter answered, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” Acts 2:37-38. Ananias told Paul: “And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away.” Acts 22:16.

What do you think about your baptism? Were you baptized for the purposes taught in the Bible? *Won't you be baptized into Christ, into his death, into his church, and unto the remission of your sins? What are you waiting for?*

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Acts 4:12

Gal.3:27.

Baptized into Christ

In Christ Is
Salvation!

Were You Baptized into the Church?

Acts 2:47

Acts 20:28

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 1:22

1 Cor. 12:13

Baptized into the Body,
the Church

The Saved
Are in the Body,
the Church

Were You Baptized into the Death of Christ?

John 3:3

Mt.26.

Rom. 6: 3-4 Baptized into His Death

Jno19: 34

In His Death
Is Newness of
Life--the New
Birth

Were You Baptized unto the Remission of Sins?

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Our Sins Are
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1. How many baptisms are therein Eph. 4:4? _____
2. What four things does the Bible teach happen when you are baptized? _____

3. In whom is salvation found? _____
4. How does one get into Christ? _____
5. How does one get into the death of Christ? _____
6. What must one do to see the kingdom of God? _____
7. For what did Jesus pour out his blood? _____
8. How does one get to the blood of Christ? _____
9. With what was the church purchased? _____
10. What did Christ save in Eph. 5:23? _____
11. What is the Body called in Eph. 5:23? _____
12. What is the church called in Eph. 1:22? _____
13. How does one get into the body the church? _____
14. What did the people ask after hearing Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost? _____
15. What did Peter tell them to do? _____
16. What did Ananias tell Paul (Saul) to do in Acts 22:16? _____
17. What do you think about your baptism? _____
18. Were you baptized for the purpose taught in the Bible? _____
19. What are you waiting for? _____