

Could you have been baptized correctly if you thought you had your sins forgiven before baptism?
Could you have been baptized correctly if you thought baptism was an “outward sign of an inward change” or just “a public declaration of faith?”

1 Peter 3:21. What does Peter say baptism does? If baptism saves, then what does that imply for all those who are not baptized?
Could you have been baptized correctly if you thought you were saved before baptism?
The word “answer” in this verse can mean an appeal or to inquire. Peter says baptism is an appealing to God. Read **Acts 22:16**. According to this verse, what is another phrase for baptism?
What does Paul say baptism does here?
Revelation 1:5. Is baptism where we meet the blood of Jesus?
If baptism is where we meet the blood of Jesus (and not before), could you have been baptized correctly if you thought you had forgiveness of sins before baptism?

Baptism and You

We have noticed the word baptism and the prerequisites of baptism. Your soul is precious to God (1 Timothy 2:4)--He doesn't want you to perish (2 Peter 3:9). The only way you can escape the wrath of God is by contacting the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:9). We have discussed on HOW to do that. Compare your previous answers on page two, with what the Bible says, and answer the following questions (remember, answer honestly)
Were you immersed or sprinkled?
Did you believe baptism would get you IN Christ?
Did you believe that Jesus was the Son of God BEFORE baptism?
Did you know about the one church (the church that belongs to Jesus) BEFORE baptism?

Was your baptism a baptism in a denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Catholic, Baptism, Methodist, etc.)?
Did you know to repent of your sins and actually do so BEFORE baptism?
Did you know to confess that Jesus is the Son of God BEFORE baptism?
Did you believe you were saved BEFORE baptism?
Did you know that you could only have forgiveness of sins only when you were baptized?
If you baptism doesn't match up to the Bible's explanation of it, what do you think you need to do?

Acts 16:33. Did the Philippian jailor wait to be baptized?
When should you be baptized?
Are you ready to be baptized right now?
Let's imagine that you decide to wait. If Jesus were to come before you were baptized, what does the Bible say would happen to your soul?
Do you want to take God's offer of salvation now?

Life in Jesus--A Commitment

Romans 6:4. After coming out of the water of baptism, where in can you walk?
1 John 1:7. After baptism, must you walk in the light in order to have the cleansing of Jesus blood?
Hebrews 10:25. Must you be faithful in attendance every Lord's day after baptism?
Romans 6:1-2. Must you strive to not sin after becoming a Christian?
Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9. When you sin as a Christian, must you be willing to repent, pray, and confess your sins to God to be forgiven?
2 Peter 3:18. Must you grow in grace and knowledge after baptism?
Revelation 2:10. What does Jesus say you must do to receive the crown of life?
Will you determine to be faithful after you get baptized?

BAPTISM AND SALVATION

***“HE THAT BELIEVETH AND
IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE
SAVED” (MARK 16:16).***

The Bible is our only guide to Heaven (Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:3-4). It saves us (James 1:21). Because we will be judged according to the Bible, all the Bible, and nothing but the Bible (John 12:48), we must adhere to its principles now so that we can live forever with Jesus. Do you agree with this statement?
This study is a discussion on the subject of what the Bible has to say about baptism. We will examine four sections: (1) **The Word Baptism**, (2) **The Prerequisites of Baptism**, and (3) **Baptism and YOU**, and (4) **Life in Jesus is a Commitment**. Do you have any questions before we begin this study?

The Word “Baptism”

The words “baptism,” “baptize,” and “baptized” occur 92 times in the Bible. The Greek word for baptism is *baptizo* and it means to dip, plunge, or immerse. It NEVER means to sprinkle. Let's look at the following passages and ask the following questions:

Matthew 3:16. Did John pour or sprinkle water on Jesus' head?

Acts 8:37-39. Did Philip pour or sprinkle water on the eunuch's head?

Romans 6:3-4 and Colossians 2:12. Is baptism noted as a sprinkling or pouring here?

From the examples given and the passages cited, is immersion the only way one can be baptized correctly?
If someone is sprinkled, can they have been said to be baptized correctly?
If you were sprinkled as a baby, are you baptized the way the Bible says?

The Prerequisites of Baptism

Baptism according to the Bible is not JUST about going under the water. If so, then everyone who has ever gone into a pool, lake, or ocean is saved. Being baptized the way the Bible says demands that we know certain things BEFORE we can be baptized correctly. Think about the following thought:

**I CANNOT BE TAUGHT WRONG AND
BAPTIZED CORRECTLY**

Do you agree with this statement?
Let’s do an activity together. Let’s think about our baptism. In the space provided, write down the following:
Write down things you knew BEFORE you were baptized?

Write down WHY you wanted to get baptized

Now let’s read the following verses and answer the following questions together:
Galatians 3:26-27. How does Paul say one gets INTO Christ?
Can one be IN a building if he first does not walk INTO the door?
Can you be IN Christ if you are not baptized INTO Him?

Acts 19:1-5. What type of baptism were these Ephesians baptized under?
Was their baptism valid? If not, why?
If it didn’t matter what one knew before baptism, re-baptizing these Ephesians was pointless.
Before Paul baptized them correctly, were they saved?

Acts 18:8. What are the two requirements listed here as having preceded baptism?
Mark 16:16. Can one be baptized correctly without belief?
John 8:24. What must one believe according to this verse?
Could you have been baptized correctly if you did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God?

Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4. According to Paul, what is the body? How many bodies (churches) are there?
1 Corinthians 1:10. Denomination means division. Does God accept denominations?
If God does not accept denominations, then are those who are a part of denominations lost?
1 Corinthians 12:13. What does Paul say one is baptized into?
What is the body?
How many bodies are there?
For one to be baptized correctly, must one know about the ONE body?
Therefore, if someone is baptized in a denomination is their baptism valid?
If someone was baptized in the Lutheran denomination, is their baptism valid?
If someone is baptized in the Catholic denomination, is their baptism valid?
If someone was baptized in the Baptist denomination, is their baptism valid?
If someone was baptized in the Non-Denomination, denomination, is their baptism valid?

If someone was baptized to be added to the one body, the church which belongs to Jesus, is their baptism valid?

Acts 2:47. Who adds people to the church?
Some denominations require one to be baptized to JOIN a denomination. Does this verse say one can join the church of Christ?
Can you be Scripturally baptized if you are baptized to join a denomination?

Acts 2:38. What is the condition stated here that precedes baptism?
Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of action. Repentance is not just being sorry; it means to change your mind about how you are living and determine to live better.
If repentance must precede baptism, can you be baptized correctly if you never repented?

Acts 8:37. What did the Eunuch confess before he went down into the water to be baptized?
Did the Eunuch believe and confess before baptism?
Could you have been Scripturally baptized if you did not confess that Jesus was the Son of God before baptism?
Romans 10:9-10. Should belief and confession take place BEFORE baptism?
If confession must precede baptism, could you be baptized correctly if you were baptized as an infant who could not speak?

Acts 2:38. What would repenting and being baptized do for these Jews?
Did they need to know that after baptism their sins were going to be forgiven?
Could they have been baptized correctly if they thought their sins were forgiven before repentance and baptism?