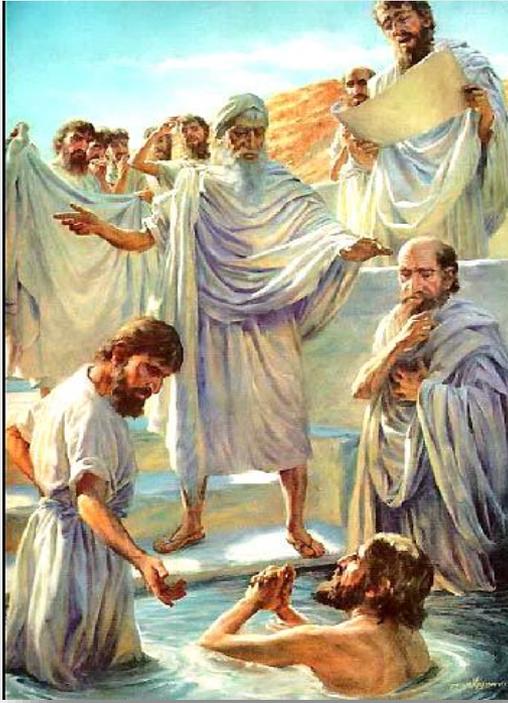


# BAPTISM



# Ancient Baptism

## “Proselyte (stranger’s) Baptism”



“**Baptism** absolutely necessary to make a proselyte .. is so frequently stated as *not to be disputed*... (Eddersheim: *Life & Times*” appendix XII.

*See: Maimonides, Hillel, and Shammai p.745)*

“The person.. Made profession of his faith *and was immersed completely so that every part of his body was touched by water*. The rite would be accompanied by exhortations.”  
(Eddersheim: *Life & Times*” appendix XII. : p.746)

“As he stepped out of the waters he was considered *born anew*.” p746

“Country, home, habits, friends, and relations were all changed...

He *was a new man*—the old with its defilements was

*buried in the waters of baptism.*” p746

“Baptism of proselytes existed in the time of *Hillel & Shammai*.” p747

# Introductory Baptism of John

**“For”** [ eis 1519 ] “A preposition .. denoting entrance into, or direction and limit, to , toward, for, among.”

Thayer

Mark 1:4 “John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance **for** the **forgiveness of sins .”**  
NASB

Dr. Jack Cottrell, Cincinnati Christian University professor, points out, “Baptism is not the first step a convert takes as a Christian; it is the last step the sinner takes **to become** a Christian .” [www.bobrussel.org](http://www.bobrussel.org)

# Denominational View of Baptism

Hiscox "Standard Manual for Baptist Churches"

**"Baptism is *NOT* essential to salvation for our churches utterly repudiate the dogma of 'Baptismal Regeneration.' "**

*Church Ordinances, note 8, pg 21. 1903*

**" Baptism does not regenerate or wash away any sins."**

*Primitive Baptist Church Elder Herb Hatfield, Aberdeen, MS.*

**"Baptism is like a wedding ring, it is the outward symbol of an inward commitment." *Steve Atkerson, Pastor, Southern Baptist***

# Scriptural View of Baptism

1 Pet 3:21 “Baptism does now **SAVES** you..”



(1 Peter 3:21) Barnes

“There is a sense in which water is made **instrumental in our salvation**... as the indispensable **condition of salvation**.”

# Scriptural Purpose of Baptism

Titus 3:5

“He **saved** us by the **washing of regeneration** and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

# Baptism

Acts 22:16 “Arise and be baptized and **wash away your sins.**”

Acts 2:38 Repent and **be baptized for the FORGIVENESS of sins.**

# Scriptural Method of Baptism

Vines: “**Baptism** consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence.”

ISBE: “The Greek has a continual history and wherever the Greek church prevails, **immersion** is the unbroken and universal practice.”

(Acts 8:38)  
“They both went **down** **into** the water & he baptized [**dipped**] him.. And when they **came up out** [**ek**] of the water...”

# Scriptural Method of Baptism

Immersion is in harmony  
with needing “**MUCH** water !” (Jn 3:23)

Immersion is in harmony being a **BURIAL** !  
(Rom 6:4) “We are buried with Him  
through baptism...”

Immersion is in harmony with  
a **RESURRECTION** ! (Col 2:12)  
“Having been buried with Him in  
baptism, in which you were also raised up..”

Immersion is in harmony with being **WASHED**  
(Heb 10:22) “Having our bodies washed with pure water.”



# Scriptural Subjects of Baptism

People Must Be Able to **Believe** (Mk 16:15)

“It is frankly admitted by ..scholars that the New Testament gives no warrant for infant baptism.”

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“Thus no room is found in the New Testament for infant baptism.”

ISBE

People Must Be Able to **Repent** (Acts 2:38)

People Must Be Able to **Confess** (Rom 10:10)

# Scriptural Time for Baptism

(Acts 16:33) **Jailer** “ Same hour of the night... washed his wounds and **IMMEDIATELY** he was baptized..”

(Acts 8:36) **Ethiopian** “Look, water.. What **PREVENTS** me from being baptized?”

(Acts 22:16) **Saul** “Why do you **DELAY..** Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins..”

(Acts 2:41) Pentecost “Those who had received his word were baptized... there were added **THAT DAY...**”

