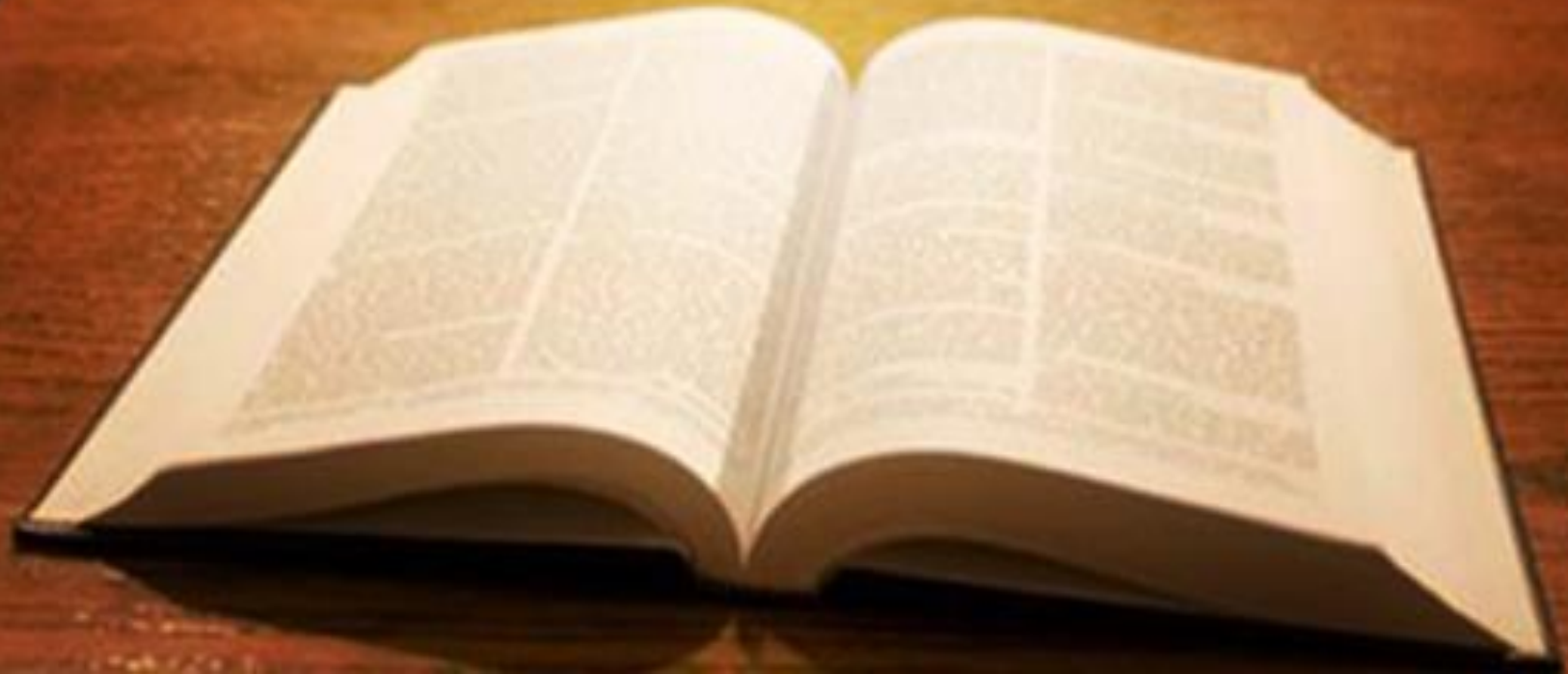


# THE SERMON

**“Answering Arguments  
Against **Baptism**”**



**What Would You Say?**

*About*

**BAPTISM**





# What Would You Say?

1. *If one claims:* “The thief on the cross was saved **without baptism.** (Lk 23:42f)

**Answer:** True.  
The thief lived under **OT Law** of Moses like Jesus (Gal 4:4)



Col 2:12f “Forgiven us all our transgressions having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of **decrees** ... **having nailed it to the cross.**”

# What Would You Say?

**2. If one claims:**  
**Baptism is a**  
**“Work”** and  
therefore  
doesn't save.

(Rom 3:28)  
“Justified by  
**faith** apart from  
**works** of the law”

**Answer:** Jesus said  
that **Belief**  
is a “**Work.**”  
(John 6:29)

Scripturally,  
baptism **ISN'T**  
a **work** we do.

It's in Greek **Passive Voice**, and it's done to us.  
Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; Mt 3:13-14, 10:38; Lk 3:7, 12.





# What Would You Say?

**3. If one says:**

**Answer:** Many things  
are a part of God's plan  
of Salvation:

**The Blood**

**Saves**

**Rom 5:9**

**Not Water**

**Baptism** saves (1 Pet 3:21)

**Repentance** saves (Acts 3:19)

**Confession** saves (Rom 10:10)

**Faith** saves (Acts 16:31)

**Grace** saves (Eph 2:5)

**Word** saves (Jas 1:21)

# What Would You Say?

**GOD**

SO LOVED

*the World*

**4. If one says: Faith Only Saves!!!** (John 3:16) “Who Believes shall not perish .. but have eternal life.”

**Saving faith includes confession** (Rom 10:9), plus **repentance & baptism**. (Acts 2:38)

**Answer:**  
**Demons believe and tremble but don't repent.**  
(Jas 2:19)

**Rulers believed but wouldn't confess.**  
(John 12:42)  
(Rom 10:10)



# What Would You Say?

5. *If one says*  
“Baptism is  
*because of*  
[Grk, *eis*] past  
sins forgiven.”

*Answer:* Bible translators  
say: “*For..unto.. so that..*”

*NOT* “*Because of*”: NAS;

NIV, ESV, RSV,  
ASV, NCV, TNIV,

AMP, GWT, TEV, BBE,

TLB, MSSG, ERV, NIRV & CJB.

*Thayers:* [*eis*] “A preposition denoting entrance  
or direction & limit: *into, to, toward, for, among.*”

*Easy parallel:* (Mat 26:28) Was Jesus blood shed  
[*eis: to, toward, for*] remission of sin? *Or*  
*because* everybody already was sinless?



# What Would You Say?

6. If one claims:  
“It’s **NOT Water**  
that saves you  
but the **pledge** of a  
good conscience.”  
(1 Pet 3:21)



**Answer:**

**Read the text !**  
“**Baptism now  
saves you !**”  
*It’s not external  
cleansing outside.  
It impacts the inside.*

**“It’s the appeal to God  
for a good conscience.”**

*NAS, ESV, RSV, ERV, NRSV, GWT  
Thayers, BAGD, Theological Dict of NT, Strongs.*



# What Would You Say?

7. *If one claims:* “Saul was saved *before* baptism. Because Ananias called him *‘Brother Saul.’*”  
(Acts 22:13)

*Answer:* That’s a terrible argument! Saul was a brother Jew. (see Act 2:29; 3:17; 23:1,6)



Even after Ananias’ address *Saul still had sins* that needed to be wiped away (v.16)

v.16 “Arise and be baptized and *wash away your sins..*”

# What Would You Say?

8. *If one claims:*

“Salvation comes from *calling on His Name, not Baptism.*” (Acts 22:13)

*Answer:*

*Cleansing of sin didn't happen when he met Jesus on the **road.***  
(Acts 9:5)

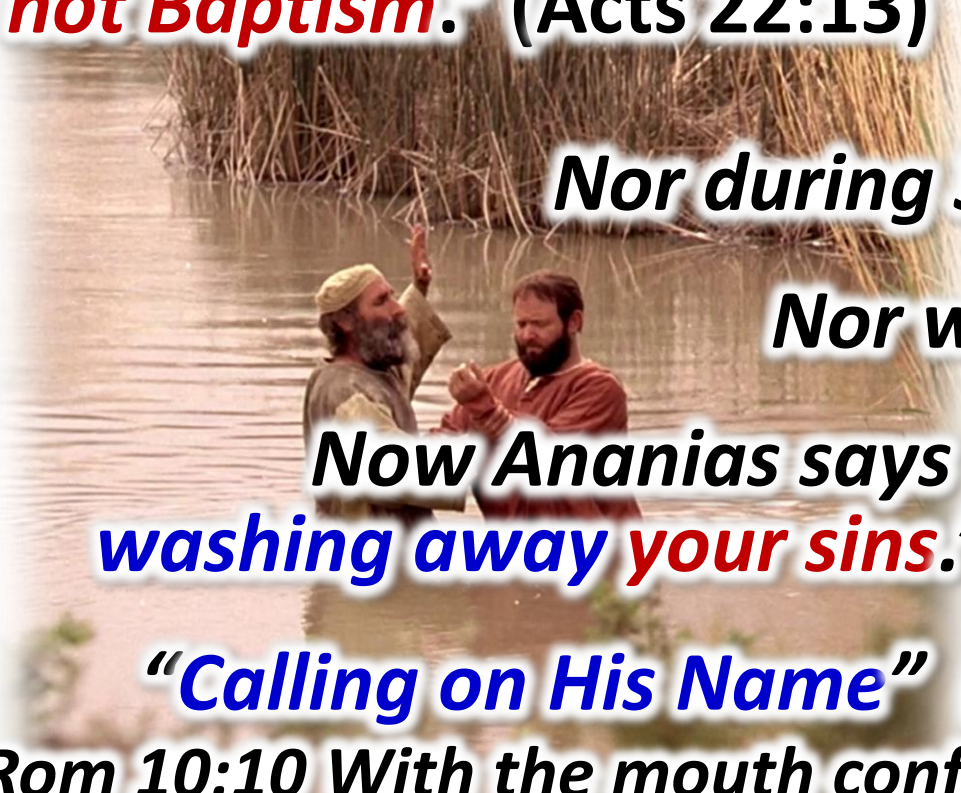
*Nor during 3 days **fasting*** (Acts 9:9)

*Nor while **praying*** (Acts 9:11)

*Now Ananias says “Arise and be **baptized washing away your sins.**”* (Acts 22:16; cf 2:38)

*“**Calling on His Name**”* (JFB) *Confessing Christ.*

*Rom 10:10 With the mouth confession is made to salvation*





# What Would You Say?

9. If one claims:

“That baptism isn’t necessary since

*Paul was*

*not*

*sent to baptize,*

*but* to preach.”

(1 Cor 1:17)

*Answer:* Paul

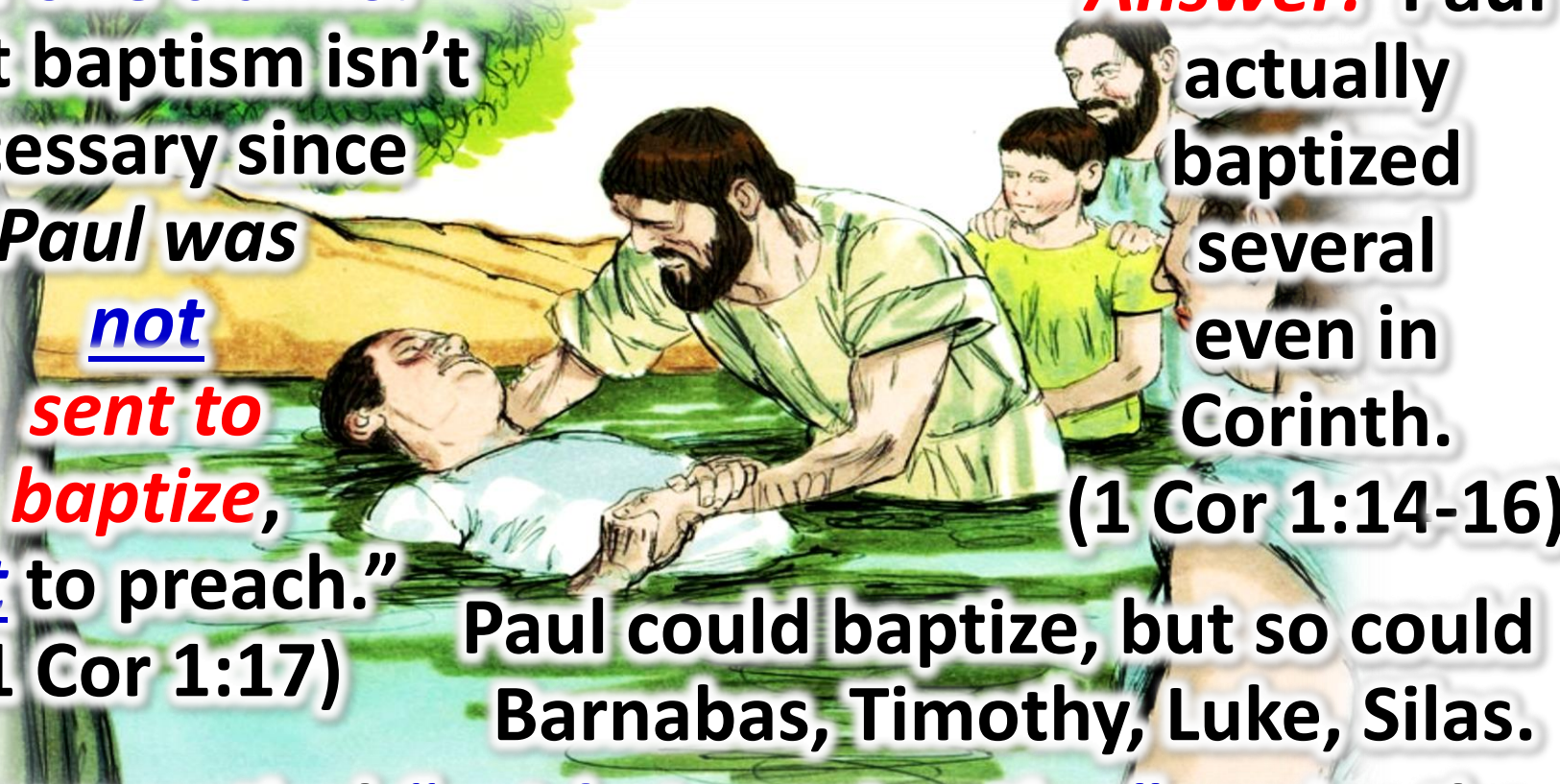
actually baptized several even in Corinth.

(1 Cor 1:14-16)

Paul could baptize, but so could Barnabas, Timothy, Luke, Silas.

Grammatical “*not-but construction*” carries the force of “*Not* only... *But* also especially...”

John 6:27 *labor*; Acts 5:4 *lied*; 1 Pet 3:3 *dresses*.



JOHN 6:68

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE

WORDS

OF

*life*

**You Impact Lives**

**You Change Destinies**



# Are You Washed in the Blood?

**1 Peter 1:19**  
**but with**  
***precious blood,***  
**as of a lamb**  
**unblemished**  
**and spotless, the**  
**blood of Christ.**