

One baptism for the forgiveness of sins

Has God indeed said baptism saves?

For use in household worship to build [confidence](#) in the promise of [the good news in baptism](#), thereby “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God” (2 Cor. 3:5):

Sunday **Trinitarian baptism is valid** *Matthew 28:19-20*

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.

Monday **Water is necessary for rebirth** *John 3:5*

Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

Tuesday **God saved us by washing, not by works** *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Wednesday **Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins** *Acts 2:38, ESV*

And Peter said to them, “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.”

Thursday **Baptism united you with Christ’s death** *Romans 6:3-9*

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Friday **Baptism clothed you with Christ by faith** *Galatians 3:26-27*

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Saturday **Baptism now saves you through Christ’s resurrection** *1 Peter 3:20-22, ESV*

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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