

Calvary Christian Center of Georgetown

# Baptism the 1st Act of Faith

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## **The 1<sup>st</sup> step of salvation –**

### **Faith in Jesus**

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Acts 16:31 so they say, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household”

## **The 2<sup>nd</sup> step of salvation –**

### **Repentance**

- *Jesus*

Luke 13:3-5 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you all likewise perish.” “Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Luke 24:47 “and that repentance and remission of sins shall be preached and His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”

- *John*

Matthew 3:2-4 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” For this is He who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “The voice of one crying the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’ “ Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

- *Peter*

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- *Paul*

Acts 17:30 “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> step of salvation –**

#### **Confession**

Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

I John 4:15 whoever confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> step of salvation –**

#### **The first physical action - Baptism**

- *A part of salvation*

Mark 16:16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

I Peter 3:21 There is also antitype which now saves us, namely baptism (not the removal of filth of the flesh, but the answer of good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

- *Prophesied by Jesus*

Luke 24:47 “and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”

- *Taught by John*

Matthew 3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worth to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- *Jesus our example*

Matthew 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

- *Jesus commands it*

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit,

- *Peter declares it*

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:40 “Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

- *Paul up holds it*

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 22:16 ‘And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

### ***Purpose of Baptism***

#### ***Remission (washing away of sins)***

- *Jesus*

Luke 24:47 “and that repentance and remission of sins shall be preached and His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”

- *Peter - (founder of the Apostolic church)*

Acts 2:30 “therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his

body, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

- *Paul*

Acts 22:16 ‘And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

*Webster* – Remission

1. Forgiveness or pardon (such as of sins)
2. Cancellation or release of a debt or penalty

***Scriptural method of baptism***

***(Greek: baptizmo/baptizein - to immerse)***

Scriptural and historically baptism was by immersion. Jesus went down into the water and came up out of the water. The Ethiopian Eunuch and Philip both went down into the water. In I Peter 3:21 Peter said we came through the water.

***Baptism in the Name***

Matthew 28:19 ...What name? Father, Son and Holy Ghost not names but titles.

Acts 4:12 “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in the word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Luke 24:47 “and that repentance and remission of sins shall be preached and His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:16 for as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name Lord Jesus

Acts 10:48 and he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 22:16 ‘And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

*Baptism in Jesus name is the resultant act of true Faith and Repentance.*