

Baptism Babel

**Why So Much Confusion
About a Simple Subject**

World's Religions

(Billions)

Christianity	2.2
Islam	1.5
Irreligious	1.1
Hinduism	.9
Chinese & Buddhist	.8
Other	<u>.3</u>
TOTAL	6.8

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Roman Catholic



Orthodox



Lutheran



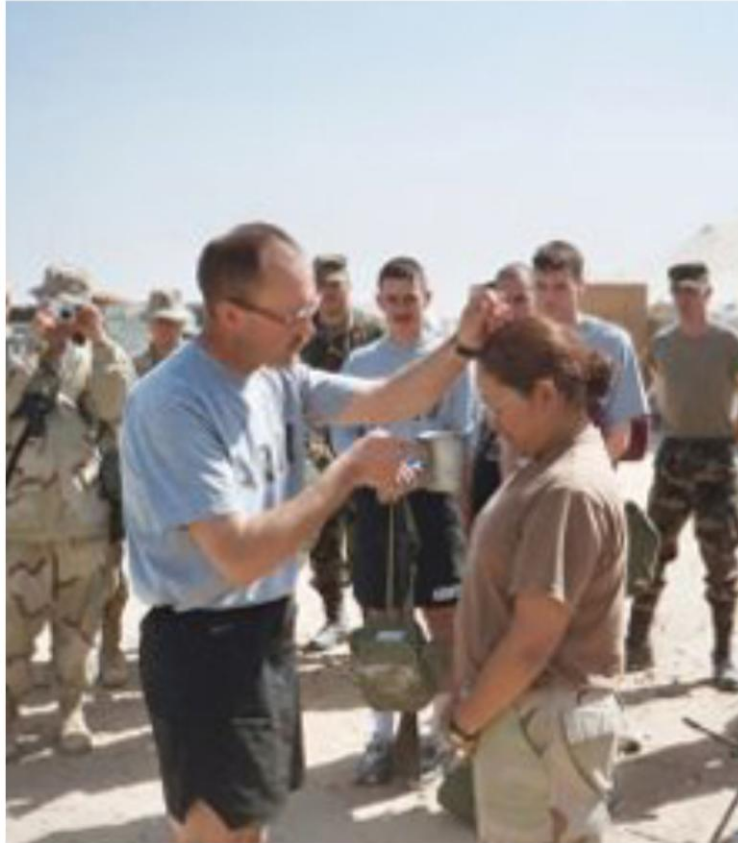
Baptist



Presbyterian



Pouring



Immersing



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**A Look at the Bible's
Most Definitive Verse**

Christianity

Depends on a

Proper Baptism

The Bible Teaches

Jesus Christ was baptized.

His apostles baptized others.

His apostles taught baptism.

Every Christian is baptized.

The Bible Teaches

Proper *Administrator*

Proper *Design*

Proper *Subject*

Proper *Doctrine*

Proper *Mode*

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**The most valuable verse
in the Bible
is corrupted three ways!**

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1 Peter 3:21

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Figure?

A figure is a symbolic picture.

A figure represents something.

A figure is a picture of reality.

Adam is the “figure” of Jesus.

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Like Figure?

A like figure means there are 2.

There must be two figures here.

The two figures must be alike.

Is there another in the context?

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There are two figures for sure.

There is Noah's ark from 3:20.

There is water baptism in 3:21.

The two figures are much alike.

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Doth also now save?

Figures only save figuratively!

Both figures picture salvation.

The ark pictures Jesus Christ.

Baptism pictures Jesus Christ.

Doth also now save?

The ark saved literally *from* water.

The ark saved figuratively *by* water.

Jesus saved literally by His death.

Baptism is a picture of His death.

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How Does Baptism Save?

Figuratively, because it is a figure.

Figuratively, like Noah's ark saved.

It is a figure of Jesus' resurrection!

Paul washed away his sins this way.

The MODE Is Immersion

It must be a figure of salvation.

It must be a figure of resurrection.

Only immersion has a resurrection.

It identifies us with Christ's death.

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Filth of the Flesh?

It is not dirt of the body ... because:

No one has ever thought such.

The good conscience is about sin.

Baptism is for repentance for sins.

Filth of the Flesh?

Sins of your sin nature (Col 2:11,13)

Sins of a sin nature (II Pet 2:10,18).

Sins involving the body (II Cor 7:1).

Sins involving the body (Jude 1:8).

Does Not Put Away Sin!

Baptism only saves figuratively.

It is by a conscience already good.

Jesus by Himself put away our sins.

He did it by death and resurrection!

The DESIGN Is Symbolic

It does not put away fleshly sins.

It only saves figuratively, as stated.

Baptismal regeneration is a lie.

Baptismal salvation is a lie.

The DESIGN Is Symbolic

Quickening is from death (Ep 2:1-3).

No will of the flesh – yours (Jn 1:13)

No will of man – others (John 1:13).

No works of righteousness (Tit 3:5).

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Answer of a Conscience

Baptism requires a conscience.

Understanding guilt and forgiveness

Able to declare commitment of life.

An infant can never do these things.

Answer of Good Conscience

A good conscience is forgiven!

It knows the gospel news is for him!

It is an *answer* for God's cleansing.

It is *not a request* for His cleansing.

How Does It Become Good?

It hears the gospel and believes it!

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:14

How Does It Become Good?

It hears the gospel and believes it!

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

The SUBJECT Is Mature

Only mature consciences are ready.

Believing the gospel is prerequisite.

Guilt and forgiveness are grasped.

Discipleship is required (Rom 6:3-5).

The SUBJECT Is Mature

Infants can never come close.

Infants cannot believe, answer, etc.

So ... many invent godparents.

So ... they invent confirmation.

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I Peter 3:21 Demands

The DESIGN of answering God for sins washed away by Jesus.

A SUBJECT with a conscience of forgiveness to be a disciple.

The MODE of immersion for a figure of Jesus' resurrection.

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“Christianity”

They corrupt DESIGN by teaching that baptism actually saves, and/or

They corrupt SUBJECT by using water on infants, and/or

They corrupt MODE by pouring or sprinkling instead of immersing.

“Christianity”

Roman Catholicism	Wrong
Protestants	Wrong
Orthodox	Wrong
Baptists	RIGHT
Cults	Wrong

95% of “Christians” Wrong!

What about the Bible?

They change the Bible to fit the lie!

They remove Acts 8:37 altogether!

They corrupt I Pet 3:21 three ways.

They must remove the three points.

King James Bible

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

New American Standard

And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Baptism is not a figure, but the ark is a figure of baptism ... so any mode will do!

Baptism does not wash dirt from your body, but it can still wash sins away ... so the design can be to regenerate!

Baptism is not the answer of a good conscience, but rather the appeal to God for one ... so the subject might be a baby.

New International

And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

New Revised Standard

And baptism, which this prefigured, 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.

English Standard

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,

New Living

And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

New King James

There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How Are 95% Wrong?

Tradition is put above scripture.

They will not be fools for Jesus.

The truth is for few, like 8 (3:20)!

God sends delusion (II The 2:9-12).

What Should I Do?

Believe God's record of Jesus Christ

If you believe, get baptized now!

If you are baptized, live like it now!

If all above is true, love your KJV.

For Further Study

One-Page Summary of this Lesson

<http://www.letgodbetruer.com/bible/baptism/1peter3-21.htm>

Denominational Survey

<http://www.letgodbetruer.com/bible/baptism/denominational-summary.htm>

More about baptism

<http://www.letgodbetruer.com/bible/baptism/index.htm>

Religious Information

http://www.adherents.com/Religions_By_Adherents.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_denominations_by_number_of_members