

Who May Be Baptized?

Matthew 13:1-23

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Anyone you know may be baptized!

Anyone you don't know may be baptized!

Your co-workers may be baptized!

Your friends may be baptized!

Your family may be baptized!

YOU may be baptized!

However, it's not *that* simple!

- Anyone can be “dunked” but not all immersion is scriptural baptism.
 - One may not be coerced to be baptized (i.e. ‘forced conversion’).
 - One need not be baptized if they have not sinned (infants, mentally invalid, etc.)
 - One should not be baptized if they do not meet the scriptural standards.
- What is *required* to be baptized? (Acts 8:41)



"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" 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. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

(Acts 2:36-41 NKJV)



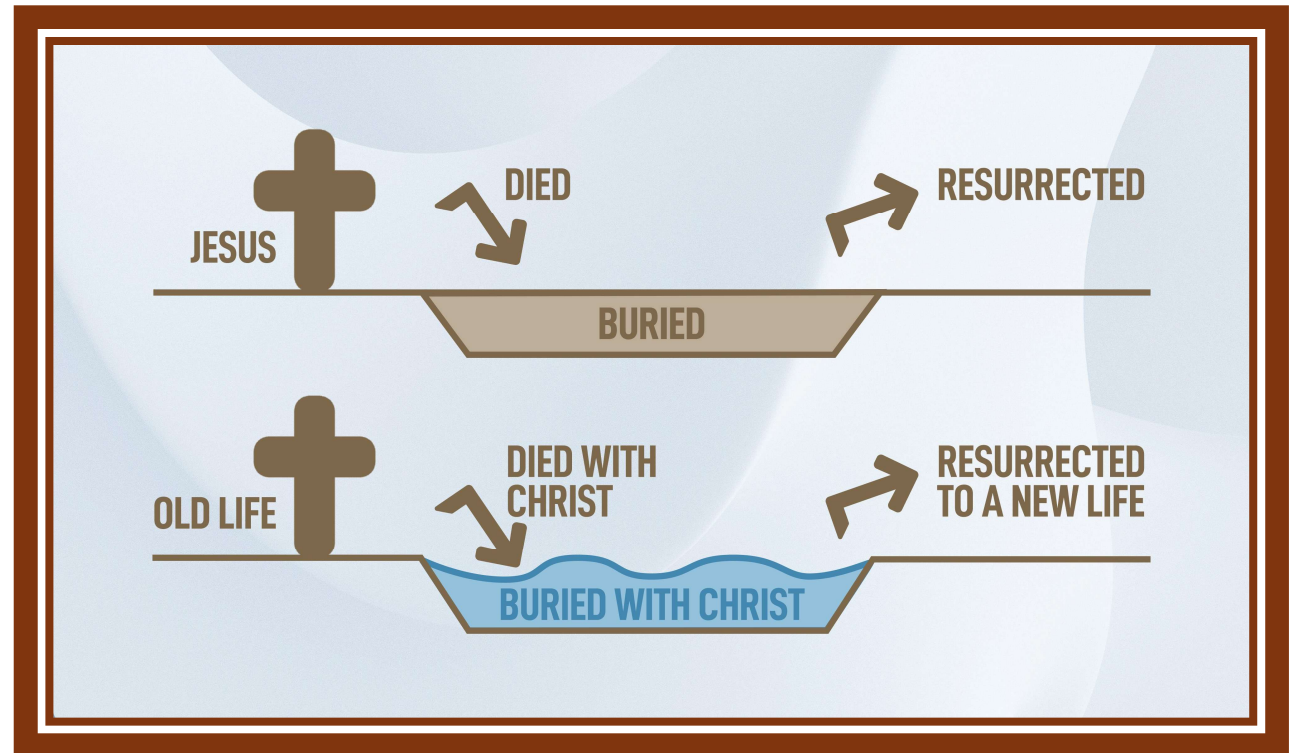
Those Who Have Heard:

- The **Gospel** -
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Gospel

(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

- Christ died
- For Our Sins
- According to the Scriptures
- He Was Buried
- He Rose Again the Third Day
- According to the Scriptures
- He Was Seen by Many Witnesses





Those Who Have Heard:

- The **Gospel** -
1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- **Heard** the Gospel.
 - Heard – Romans 10:14
 - Understand – Matthew 13:19
 - Acknowledge – Matthew 13:23

Those Who Believe

- Mark 16:16
- Acts 8:37*
- Acts 16:30-31
- Romans 10:8-14



But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?.

(Romans 10:8-14 NKJV)

KEY: MOUTH

HEART

CALL UPON (INVOKE)

HEAR

Classic Example of “Necessary Inference” (or Logical Conclusion)

- Hear + Believe = Righteousness
- Confess + Mouth = Salvation
- Calling + on Him = Saved
- How Can You Call on Whom You Not Believed?
- How Can You Believe on Him Whom You Have not Heard?
- How Can You Hear Without A Preacher?

PREMISE

IMPLICATION

CONCLUSION

Those Who Repent

- One who has sinned. (Romans 3:23)
- One who understands the gravity and mourns their sin (Matthew 5:4)
- One who intends to change their behavior (repent) (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- One who is committed to following Christ (Luke 9:23)





Those Who Confess

- Jesus taught us to confess (Matthew 10:31,32)
 - The other apostles confessed Matthew 14:33
 - Peter Confessed – Matt 16:17
 - Nathanael Confessed John 1:49
 - Jesus Confessed Matthew 26:64
- Paul taught confession was necessary (Romans 10:8-14)
- Every tongue *will* confess that 'Jesus Christ is Lord' – Philippians 2:5-11

May Be (Properly, Scripturally) Baptized

- Hear the Gospel
Romans 10:14
- Believe the Gospel
- John 3:18, 36; 8:24
- Repent of Sin
Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- Confess Jesus Christ
Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized - Mark 16:15-
16; Acts 2:38



**AND
THEN...**

Walk in Newness of Life!



- Romans 6:1-6
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

“Look, there is water! What is to stop me from being baptized?”

What is stopping you?

