

# Baptism - Who, What, and Why

## Infant Baptism ?

Ezekiel 18:20, Ecclesiastes 7:29 infants don't have sin and therefore don't need to be baptized  
Colossians 3:17 there is no authority for infant baptism  
Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15-16 teaching/preaching must come before baptism  
Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38 belief and repentance must come before baptism  
Acts 2:41-42 those baptized received the word first and then continued in the apostles' doctrine and prayers afterwards  
Acts 8:12 **they** (the "multitudes" - verse 6 NKJV) **were baptized, both men and women**  
Acts 8:35-37 **if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest**  
Acts 22:16 baptism is calling on (asking) God for salvation (which an infant cannot do)  
I Peter 3:21 baptism is an appeal (which an infant cannot do)  
infant baptism, why is the issue important? Matthew 15:9, II John verse 9

## Sprinkling For Baptism ?

The Greek word translated "baptism" is Strong's #908 and means:

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- Thayer - **immersion, submersion**
- Vine - **immersion, submersion, and emergence ... to dip**
- Wigram-Green - **to immerse**

Romans 6:4 "**buried with him by baptism.**" When somebody dies and we "bury" them in the graveyard, does that mean we stand them up and sprinkle a little dirt on their head, or does that mean we put them all the way under the ground? - I think we know what "buried" means then.

Romans 6:5 "**For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.**" So water baptism is a likeness of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Sprinkling for baptism is not a likeness of that, is it? But immersion is.

Colossians 2:12 "**Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him ....**" Consider the same point as made from Romans 6:4-5

Acts 8:38-39 "**And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water ....**" Why go down into the water if only to sprinkle?

John 3:23 "**And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there.**" You certainly don't need much water at all just to sprinkle, do you?

## Baptism Because Already Saved ?

Mark 16:16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ...**

John 3:5 **... except a man be born of water ... he cannot enter into the kingdom**

Acts 22:16 **... arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins ...**

Romans 6:3 **... baptized into his death ...**

Galatians 3:26-27 **... baptized into Christ ...**

Col 2:11-13 **putting off ... the sins of the flesh ... buried . in baptism . having forgiven you all trespasses**

I Peter 3:20-21 **... baptism doth also now save us ...**

Acts 2:38 **... be baptized ... for the remission of sins ...** (what if you think you already had the remission of sins?)