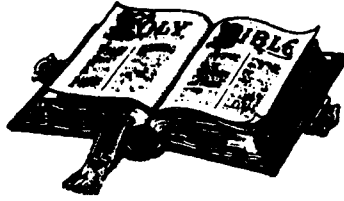


# THE INSTRUCTOR



*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16*

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## CHRISTIANS ARE BUILDERS (No.2)

As we continue our study of "CHRISTIANS ARE BUILDERS" let each one of us be reminded that to be **wise builders, we must build according to God's directions!** A long time ago the Psalmist said: **"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it..."** (127:1).

Not only should we build **good names**, but we should also build:

2. **GOOD, SOLID FAMILIES!** Since the Scriptures are profitable **"for instruction in righteousness"** (2 Tim. 3:16-17), we must allow God's Word to show us **how to build good families.** Let us consider some **essentials** if we are to be pleasing to God in our domestic relationships. Here are some of them.

(1) The husband must be **the head** of his wife! Read Eph. 5:22-33 but observe that verse 23 says: **"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church..."** (Also cf. 1 Cor. 11:3).

(2) The wife must be **in subjection** to her husband! Eph. 5:23 plainly says: **"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."** (Also see Col. 3:18; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1-5).

(3) The husband must **love** and

**honor** his wife! Eph. 5:28 says **"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies..."** (Also see verse 33 & Col. 3:19). Peter informs us that husbands should dwell with their wives **"according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel..."** (1 Peter 3:7).

(4) The wife must **love** and **reverence** her husband! Young women should be taught **"to love their husbands"** according to Titus 2:5. Eph 5:33 says: **"...and the wife see that she reverence her husband."**

(5) Both husband and wife should **render "due benevolence"** (i.e., conjugal duties) to each other! (See 1 Cor. 7:3-5).

(6) Husband or wife should **not LEAVE** (depart from) each other for any cause other than fornication! (See 1 Cor. 7:10-11; Mt. 19:9).

(7) Parents should be **in authority over their children** (with the father taking the lead) and children should **obey** and **honor** their parents! (See Eph. 6:1-4) **NOTE:** Of course, parents should **love** their children! (See Titus 2:4).

(8) Children should be taught principles of **honesty, integrity,**

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## Editorial ...

### BAPTISM -

### ITS ACTION & PURPOSE

The word "**baptism**" in various forms appears about 100 times in the New Testament. Most religious groups (in our nation) teach and practice what they call "**baptism**". Much error is taught concerning **baptism** relative to its **action, purpose and subjects**.

What is Scriptural baptism? What is the proper **action**? What is the proper **design (purpose)**? Who are the proper **subjects**? To know the **truth** to these questions, we must appeal to the **Scriptures**! Our appeal in this study will be to the **Scriptures**!

#### WHAT IS BAPTISM AS TO ACTION

(or **MODE**, as some say)?

There are different theories. Some say that **baptism** may be done by **sprinkling, pouring OR immersion**. Some teach that **baptism** may be done **ONLY** by **sprinkling AND pouring**, others (including this writer) contend that **baptism** may be done **ONLY** by **immersion**!

**Scriptural baptism** requires:

1. **Water**. (See Acts 8:36; Acts 10:47).
2. **Much water**! John 3:23 says: "**And**

John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was **much water there: and they came and were baptized**." NOTE: John was baptizing there **BECAUSE** there was **MUCH** water there! That settles it!

3. **Going to water**! (See Acts 8:36).

4. **Going down into water**! (See Acts 8:38).

5. **A Burial**! Paul said: "**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life**." (Rom. 6:4). He also said: "**Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead**." (Col. 2:12). NOTE: These verses are simple! They are easily understood! Yet, **false** teachers will go to great lengths in an effort to say that these verses do **NOT** mean that one is **BURIED BY baptism** and **BURIED IN baptism**! However, when they get through talking, these verses still say **BURIED**! That's the truth!

6. **A planting**! Paul said: "**For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection**." (Rom. 6:5). NOTE This **planting** is in the likeness of His death! In His death Jesus was **BURIED**!

7. **A raising**! Paul said: "**Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God who hath raised him from the dead**." (Col. 2:12)

Sprinkling, pouring **AND** immersion require **WATER**, but **ONLY immersion** requires **ALL** these other things! Therefore we must conclude that **ONLY immersion** is Scriptural baptism!

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE (or DESIGN)  
OF BAPTISM?

## **BAPTISM**

The purpose of baptism is NOT to get into a local church, not to show the world that one is already saved? The purpose (or design) of baptism is:

1. **In order to be saved!** It was Jesus Who declared that **"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."** (Mark 16:16). NOTE: Baptism precedes salvation! 1 Peter 3:21 says: **"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us..."**

2. **For (unto) the remission of sins!** Urgingly, Peter commanded: **"...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,..."** (Acts 2:38). NOTE: Repentance and baptism are for the same purpose!

3. **To wash away sins!** Saul of Tarsus was told to **"...Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."** (Acts 22:16). NOTE: If Saul was saved **before** baptism, isn't it a bit strange that he still had sins that needed to be washed away?

4. **To get INTO Christ!** Romans 6:3 says: **"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"** The apostle Paul also said: **"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."** (Gal. 3:27). NOTE: If one is saved **before** baptism, he is saved **outside of Christ!** Yet, we learn from Eph. 1:3 that God **"hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"**. We must be IN CHRIST in order to be recipients of spiritual blessings!

5. **To get into the body of Christ which is the church!** Paul declared: **"For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body,..."** (1 Cor. 12:13). NOTE: It is by the direction, instruction or teaching

of the Holy Spirit that we are baptized into the one church! We learn from Col. 1:18 that Christ **"is the head of the body, the church..."**

6. **To get INTO the death of Christ where His blood was shed!** Jesus shed His blood in His death. Jesus was already dead when one of the soldiers **"with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."** (John 19:33-34). In Romans 6:3 Paul said: **"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"** To receive the benefits of the death of Christ we must be **"baptized into his death."**

7. **To be born again!** To **"see the kingdom of God"** one must be born again! To be born again one must **"be born of water and of the Spirit!** To be born of water and of the Spirit a person must hear the gospel as revealed in the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit and be baptized in water for the remission of sins. Jesus said: **"...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."** (John 3:5).

8. **To get into the kingdom of God!** Jesus said: **"...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."** (John 3:5). Since baptism is involved in the new birth, in being born again, and being born again is essential to entering into the kingdom of God, it is obvious that one must be baptized in water in order to enter into the kingdom of God!

9. **To receive the gift of the Holy Ghost!** In Acts 2:38 Peter said: **"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."** (Acts 2:38). NOTE: To receive **"the gift of the Holy Ghost"** one must repent and be baptized **FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS!**

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### **"CHRISTIANS ARE BUILDERS"**

**industry, faith in God, respect for authority, (parental and civil as well as for God), morality, love for neighbors, thriftiness, kindness, sharing, humility, hard work, etc...**

It is also very important that parents conduct themselves properly. It will be extremely difficult to properly train the children if the parents are dishonest, immoral, lazy, carnally minded, etc., NOTE: Parents should be **consistent** in **discipline**, etc. also.

Good families will have problems and sorrow at times, but they will be happy families!

**Christians will endeavor to build good, solid, happy families!**

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### **"BAPTISM**

#### **ITS ACTION AND PURPOSE"**

10. To become a child of God by faith! Paul said: **"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."** (Gal. 3:26-27)

NOTE: They were the children of God by faith! The reason they were God's children by faith was because they had been **baptized INTO Christ!** To become a child of God by faith one must be **baptized INTO Christ!**

Have you been **BURIED in baptism?** Have you been **baptized** for the proper **reasons?** The **truth** on this subject is simple! It is easily understood! Are **you** willing to accept it? (CRS)

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### **- SENTENCE SERMONS -**

If you have hill to climb, waiting will not make it smaller.

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Some day or night **"thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"**

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Where I am headed is more important than which I came from.

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There are no detour signs along the strait and narrow way!

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The wages of sin are always high!

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