

"The Believer and Baptism"

1 Peter 3:20-21

Genesis 4:6,7a Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you so angry? Why is your face so downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door..."

James 2:21-22 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

1. The Picture of Baptism

1 Peter 3:20 ...who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water.

Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Genesis 6:7a So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth."

1 Peter 3:21a ...and this water symbolizes baptism.....

Romans 6:6a For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with...

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

2. The Purpose of Baptism

1 Peter 3:21 "...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also..."

- Sins are forgiven (**Acts 2:38**)
- You put on Christ (**Galatians 3:27**)
- You receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**)

- You are fulfilling the formula that Jesus gave in the great commission to become a disciple (**Matthew 28:19**)
- The old person is done away with (**Romans 6:6**)
- Your sins are washed away (**Acts 22:16**)
- You bury the old (**Romans 6:4**)
- You begin the new (**Romans 6:4**)
- Your conscience is cleared (**1 Peter 3:21**)
- You are added to the Lord's number (**Acts 2:41**)

3. The Power of Baptism

1 Peter 3:21 "...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..."

1 Samuel 15:22 "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice..."