

Baptism is Basic
(Saving Faith Series - #4)
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Review:

What kind of faith is saving faith?

Many believe that (kind #1 – assent) Jesus is the Son of God.

But we must believe in (kind #2 – trust) Jesus to be saved.

The faith that saves is the faith that obeys.

Repentance is Required

Repentance is a *change of mind* that includes: a hatred of sin, remorse over sin, a desire to be rid of sin, and a determination to forsake sin.

Confession is Called For.

Public confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and our Lord is called for - at the time of our initial obedience and throughout our life.

There is no doubt. Baptism is Basic!

According to the dictionary, “basic” means:

1. most important or essential
2. elementary – serving as a starting point
3. plain – utilitarian rather than luxurious or fancy

Baptism is an essential part of EVERY example of salvation in the New Testament.

<i>Acts 2:37-41</i>	3000 Jews on Pentecost
<i>Acts 8:12</i>	The Samaritans
<i>Acts 8:13</i>	Simon the sorcerer
<i>Acts 8:35-39</i>	The treasurer from Ethiopia
<i>Acts 9:17-19, 22:16</i>	Saul of Tarsus
<i>Acts 10:48</i>	Cornelius and his household
<i>Acts 16:13-15</i>	Lydia
<i>Acts 16:31-34</i>	The jailor in Philippi
<i>Acts 18:8</i>	Crispus and many other Corinthians
<i>Acts 19:4,5</i>	The Ephesians

**Baptism is the SPECIFIC TIME
when God bestows His gifts of salvation.**

Acts 2:38

Repent and be baptized

so that

your sins may be forgiven.

And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 2:12

In baptism

*you were buried with him and raised with him
through your faith in the power of God.*

Romans 6:3-5

*Don't you know that all of us
who were baptized into Christ Jesus,
were baptized into his death?*

Acts 22:16

*And now what are you waiting for?
Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away,
calling on his name.*

Galatians 3:27

*...all of you who were united with Christ
in baptism
have been clothed with Christ.*

1 Corinthians 12:13

*...for we were all baptized by one Spirit
into one body...*

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

1 Peter 3:21

...baptism now saves you...