

BAPTISM (1)

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Acts 22:8-16**. From Roy H. Enoch.
- B. Many religious people believe that to be saved one must have faith, repent of their sins, and confess the name of Christ. But not all agree on whether or not baptism is essential to salvation.
- C. Paul said in Ephesians 4:5, that there is “one baptism.” What he meant there is that to accept all the other “ones” that are essential, we must believe in one baptism that is essential.

BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION.

- A. Five reasons:
 - 1. **It is commanded by Christ and the apostles**
(Mt. 28:19,20; Mk. 16:15,16; Ac. 10:47,48; 8:12; 19:5).
 - 2. **It is found in every example of conversion in Acts**
(Ac. 2:38,41; 8:5-13; 8:35-39; 9:17,18; 10:34-48; 16:13; 16:32).
 - 3. **It gives the forgiveness of sins and gift of the Holy Spirit**
(Heb. 9:22; Rom. 6:3; Ac. 2:38; 22:16; 19:2-5; Rom. 8:9-11).
 - 4. **It puts one into Christ** (Gal. 3:27).
 - 5. **It allows one to share in the death, burial & resurrection of Christ** (1Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:3-5).
- B. The apostle Peter says that baptism is **the very act that now saves us** (1Pet. 3:21).

CONCLUSION.

- A. Paul agrees that we are saved by grace and washing of baptism (Titus 3:3-5).
- B. We must be obedient to the doctrine to be saved. The doctrine of the NT includes baptism (Rom. 6:17).
- C. In some ways, baptism boils down to attitude. If you have the right attitude, it doesn't make any difference what the Bible says, you are ready to do it.
- D. **Baptism is easy to do, and absolutely essential to salvation.**