

We must obey what the word of God says

Romans 10:16 ... they have not all **obeyed the gospel**. For Isaiah said, Lord, who has believed our report? 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God**.

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### The Full Gospel

The Gospel consists of things which must be believed:

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God to salvation to every one who believes ...

1 Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel ... 2 by which ... you are saved, ... 3 ... how Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day ...

The Gospel also consists of things which must be obeyed:

Romans 10:16 But they have not all **obeyed the gospel** ...

2 Thessalonians 1:7 ... the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven ... 8 ... taking vengeance on those who know not God, and who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who will be punished with everlasting devastation

*away* from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Hebrews 5:9 ... *Jesus* became the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey him;

1 Peter 4:17 ... what will the end *be* of those who don't **obey the God's gospel** ?

Mark 16:15 And *Jesus* said to them, You go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who **believes and is baptized** shall be saved; but he who does not believe shall be damned.

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### TEST EXERCISE

In a letter to your friend explain from the Bible what baptism is and who may be baptised.

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## Study 5

## SIMPLICITY IN BAPTISM

### What is Baptism?

The New Testament was written in Greek. Baptism is from the Greek word βαπτισμος meaning immersion.

It requires a lot of water

John 3:23 ... John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, **because there was much water there:** and they came, and were baptized.

Because it is a burial under water and a resurrection from under water

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are **buried** with him by baptism into death: that like Christ was **raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Col. 2:12 **Buried** with him **in baptism, in which also you are risen** with him through the faith of the operation of God, who has raised him from the dead.

Sprinkling and pouring don't need a lot of water. Immersion does. In the Bible the word "baptism" comes from the Greek word meaning "immersion"

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There is no magic in baptism. The water is simply ordinary water. The water has no miraculous properties.

1 Peter 3:21 ... also now even baptism does save us (**not by removing dirt from the body, but a good conscience's appeal to God,**) through Jesus Christ's resurrection:

There is no power in any words said by the person doing the baptism. Neither the words, nor the status of the person doing the baptism make it valid

What is important is this: for your baptism to be valid, you must really believe

Acts 8:36 ... they came to some water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what prevents me from being baptized?** 37 And Philip said, **If you believe with all your heart, you may.** And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

For this reason there should be witnesses at your baptism, to hear you confess that you do believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, unto which you are also called, and have **professed a good profession before many witnesses.**

For your baptism to be valid you must really repent because it is for your sins to be forgiven

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There is no record of babies being baptized in the New Testament, only of repentant believers

Galatians 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** to you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

If you trust the Lord Jesus you will try hard do what He says

John 14:15 If you love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man loves me, he will keep my words:** ... 24 **He who does not love me does not keep my sayings ...**

Enthusiasm is not enough

Romans 10:2 For I bear them record that **they have an enthusiasm for God, but not according to knowledge.**

Claiming to believe in Jesus is not enough

Matthew 7:21 **Not every one who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and have cast out devils in your name? and done many wonderful works in your name? 23 And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you who work iniquity.