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## The Basics of Baptism

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### What Baptism Won't Do For Me:

#### 1. **Baptism WON'T help me get saved, take away my sins, make me right with God, or get me to heaven.**

- **Mark 16:16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
- **1 Cor 1:17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.
- **Eph 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **Gal 2:16** knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

#### 2. **Baptism WON'T give me some magic blessing from God.**

### WHO Should Be Baptized? Believers in Jesus' Person & Payment

- **Acts 2:37-41** Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.
- **Acts 8:12** But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.
- **Acts 8:36-38** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then 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." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.
- **Acts 16:30-34** And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.
- **Acts 18:8** – Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

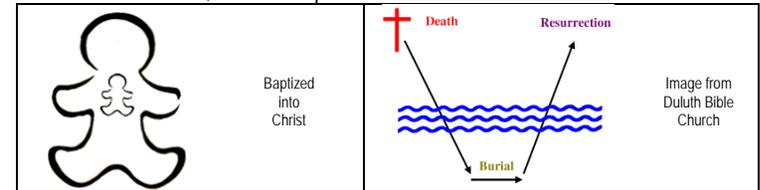
### WHY Should I Be Baptized?

#### 1. To obey Jesus' command to do so.

- **Matt 28:19** – Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

#### 2. To show others of my belief in Jesus Christ as my Savior.

- **Rom 6:3** – Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- **Col 2:12** – buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
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#### 3. To tell others that Jesus has freed me to serve Him.

- **Rom 6:1-4** – What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (*see through v.17*)
- **Gal 3:27** – For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- **1 Pet 3:21** – There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

#### 4. To encourage others to follow Jesus by being an example.

- **Phil 3:17** – Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.
- **1 Tim 4:12** Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- **Titus 2:7** in all things showing yourself [to be] a pattern of good works; in doctrine [showing] integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.