

We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians (**Acts 11:26**) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ (**Romans 16:16**). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in **Philippians 1:1**. There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God's people such as described in **Revelation 2-3**. Christians are members of Christ's body, which is also known as His Church (**Acts 2:47, Ephesians 5:23**). Our mission is to stand for God's truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people (**Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 1:16, 1 Timothy 3:15**). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18**).

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Be Baptized with God's Baptism

Baptism or immersion is taught throughout God's Word and is necessary to become a disciple of Christ. Tonight, let us look at the scriptures to be sure that the baptism we teach and practice is the one that the Lord teaches (**Ephesians 4:4-6**).

I. WHAT IS BAPTISM?

- A. Immersion in water (**Acts 8:38**)
- B. Spiritual and conscience cleansing (**1 Peter 3:18-22, Hebrews 9:14**)
- C. Symbolic - Burial and death to sin and resurrection to Life (**Romans 6:1-6**)
- D. Baptism puts one in contact with the cleansing blood of Christ (**Matthew 26:28, Acts 20:28, Eph. 1:7**)

II. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE IS BAPTIZED?

- A. Baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 28:18-20**)
- B. Sins are removed (**Acts 22:16, Colossians 2:11-12, Revelation 1:5**)
- C. One puts on Christ (**Galatians 3:26-27**)
- D. One is given the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**)
- E. The obedient are added to the Lord's Church or Body (**Acts 2:47**)

III. THE POWER OF GOD'S BAPTISM

- A. **Mark 16:16**: Believe & Baptized > SAVED
- B. **Acts 2:38**: Repent & Baptized > SAVED
- C. **1 Peter 3:21**: Answer a good conscience & Baptized > SAVED
- D. **Acts 22:16**: Arise & Baptized > SINS WASHED AWAY
- E. **Colossians 2:11-12**: Being buried in Baptism > RAISED
- F. **Romans 6:3-5**: United in death in Baptism > WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE
- G. **Galatians 3:26-27**: Through faith be Baptized > PUT ON CHRIST

IV. OTHER EXAMPLES OF BAPTISM

- A. Simon (**Acts 8:13**)
- B. Ethiopian (**Acts 8:38**)
- C. Household of Cornelius (**Acts 10:48**)
- D. Household of Lydia (**Acts 16:15**)
- E. Philippian Jailer (**Acts 16:33**)
- F. Corinthians (**Acts 18:8, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**)

V. GOD OFFERS SALVATION THROUGH OBEDIENCE (EXAMPLES)

- A. Bronze Serpent (**Numbers 21:8-9, John 3:14-15**)
- B. Naaman (**2 Kings 5:9-15, Luke 4:27**)
- C. Jericho (**Joshua 6:3-5, 20, Hebrews 11:30**)
- D. Blind Man (**John 9:6-11**)
- E. The Ark (**Genesis 2:5-6, 6:14-17, Hebrews 11:7, 1 Peter 3:20-21**)
- F. Baptism (**Mark 16:16**)

How about you tonight? Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins? To become a Christian one needs to hear the gospel, believe it and have faith in Jesus, confess that Jesus is the Son of God, repent of your sins, and then be baptized to wash away those sins. We want to help you to be saved from your sins and we will end with a reading from **Acts 2:40-41**. ***Why are you waiting?*** We hope to see you next time on Speaking The Truth In Love when we hope to continue in our series "What Must I Do To Be Saved" with a study on "Baptism, Then What?"