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1 Peter 4:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ **If anyone speaks, *let him speak as the oracles of God***. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Every Professed Christian Who Is A False Teacher Uses The Bible!

- ◆ Their followers are often heard saying – “They teach the Bible” – “They use the Bible” –
- ◆ Speaking “AS the oracles of God” requires more than quoting a passage – (1 Pet 4:11; Neh. 8:8; 2 Tim 2:15)

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Every Professed Christian Who Is A False Teacher Uses The Bible!

- ♦ They very well may use Bible language – but they so often misunderstand it - misapply it – and misuse it!
- ♦ Historically, God's words have been twisted to propagate error and promote lawlessness.

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- ◆ Ps 56:5 — Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- ◆ Jer 23:36 — . . . for ye have perverted the words of the living God . . .
- ◆ Mt 15:6 — . . . Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

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- ♦ Mt 22:29 — Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
- ♦ Galatians 1:7 . . . there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.
- ♦ 2 Peter 3:16 - . . . which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

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2 Peter 3:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

¹⁵ and consider *that* **the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--**as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are **some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**

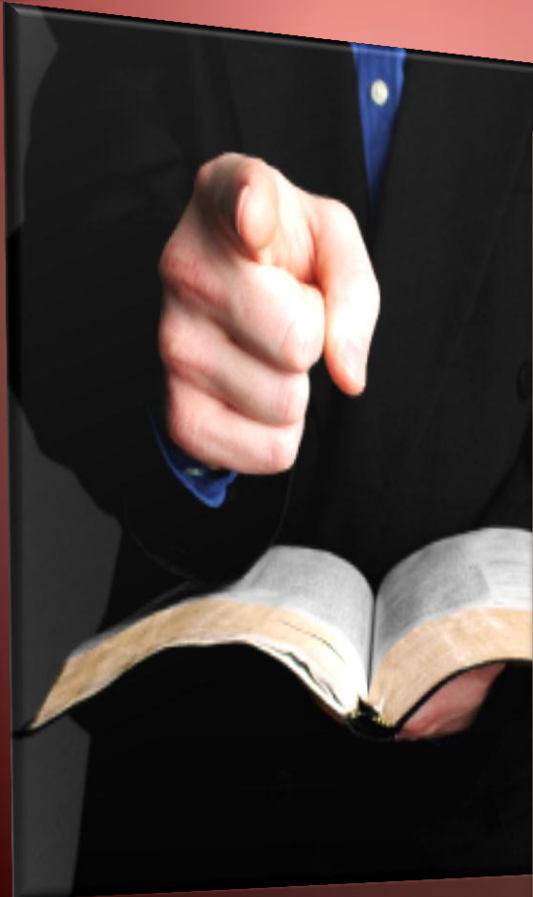
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2 Peter 3:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, **since you know this beforehand**, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

¹⁸ but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

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Many say - “The Bible says what it means and means what it says!” -

- ◆ Actually the Bible means what it means.
- ◆ Must account for figurative and accommodative language –
- ◆ The importance of context – (immediate and remote / who is speaking and who is being spoken to)
- ◆ Properly defining terms – (what did the Hebrew and Greek terms mean when they were penned?)

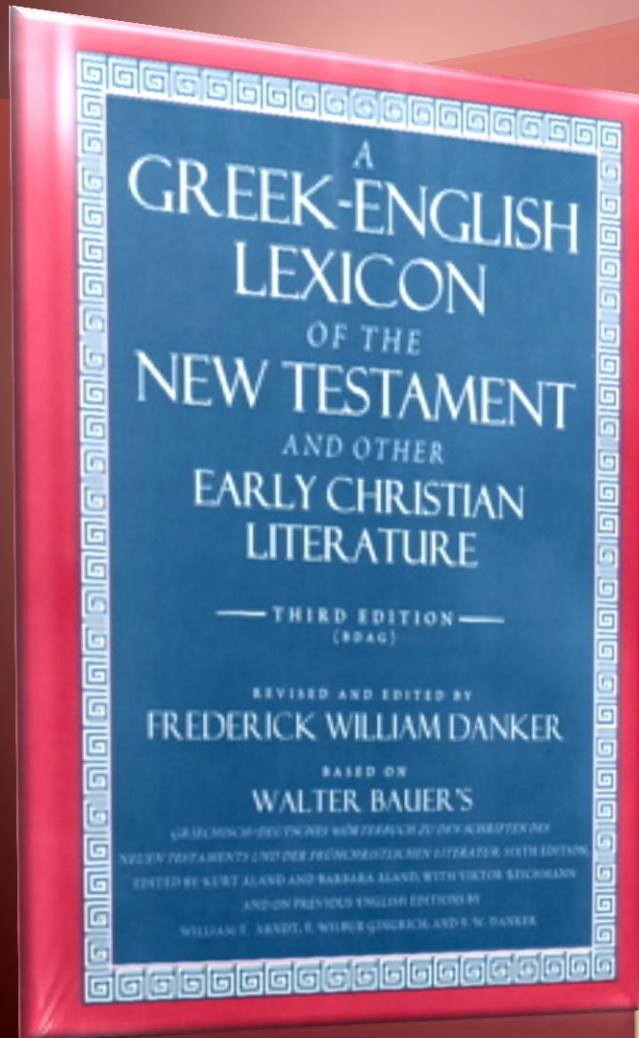
THE TERMS “BAPTISM, BAPTIZE, BAPTIZED”

Baptism

- ❖ Sprinkling or Pouring?
- ❖ NT Circumcision?
- ❖ “An Outward Sign of An Inward Grace?”
- ❖ A Command, But Not Necessary For Salvation?
- ❖ Not Water But Spirit?



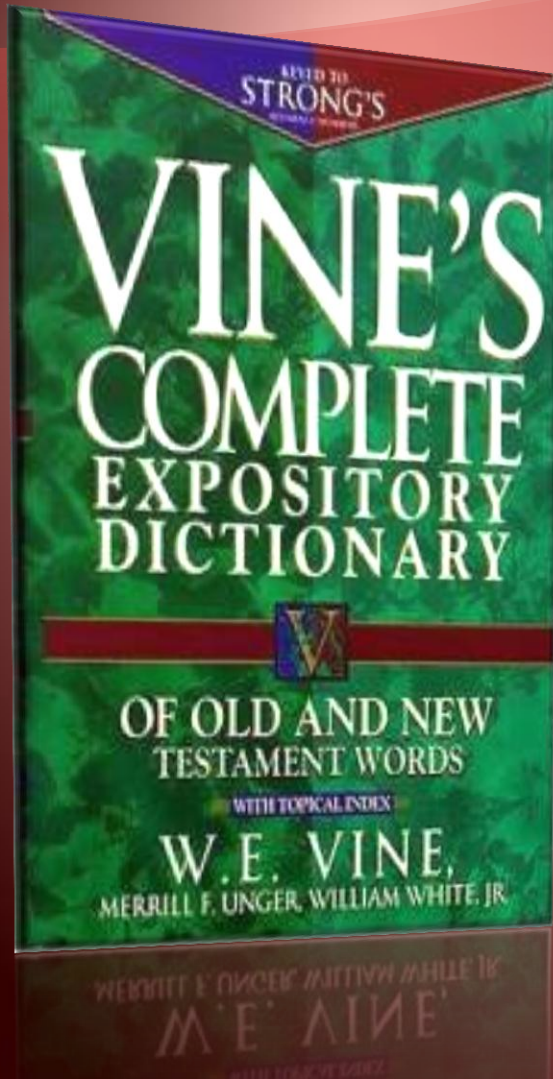
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βαπτίζω fut. βαπτίσω; . . . In Gk. lit. generally to put or go under water in a variety of senses, . . . plunge, dip, wash, . . . also figuratively . . . (*Israel*, 1 Cor 10:2; *Holy Spirit and fire*, Mark 3:11; *Luke* 3:16; *Martyrdom*, Mark 10:38)

A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature.

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Baptism –

A-1 – Noun - Strong's Number: <G908> -

βάπτισμα, baptisma

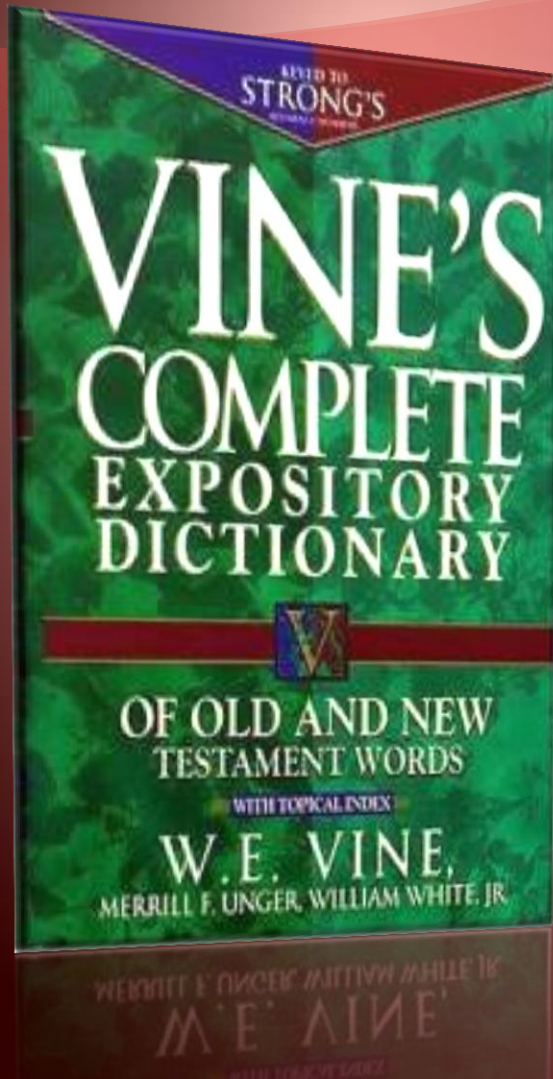
Usage Notes: "baptism," consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence (from baptō, "to dip

A-2 – Noun - Strong's Number: <G909>

βαπτισμός, baptismos

Usage Notes: as distinct from baptisma (the ordinance), is used of the "ceremonial washing of articles,"

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Baptism –

βαπτιστής, baptistēs

A-3 – Noun - Strong's Number: <G910>

Usage Notes: "a baptist," is used only of John the Baptist, and only in the Synoptists, 14 times.

βαπτίζω, baptizō

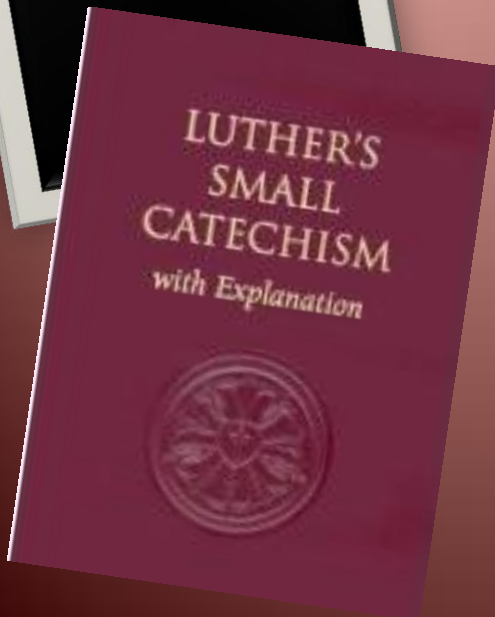
B-1 – Verb - Strong's Number: <G907>

"to baptize," primarily a frequentative form of baptō, "to dip," . . .

— Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

THE MODE OF BAPTISM

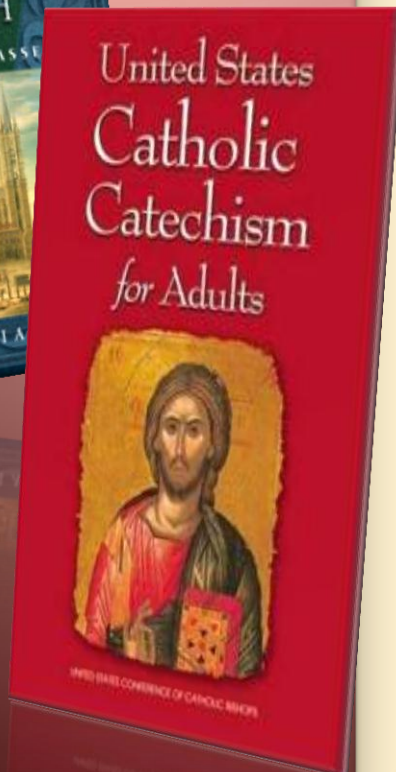
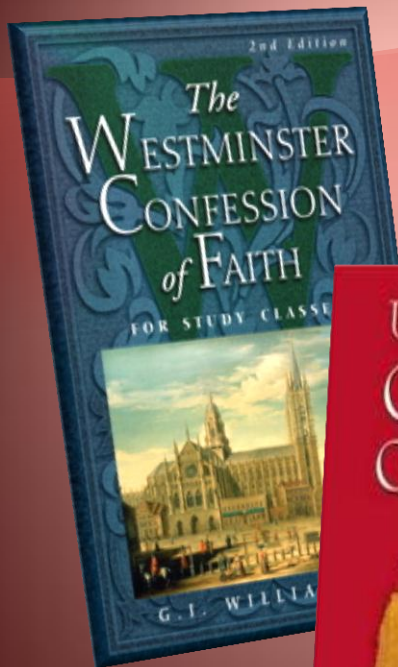
Sprinkling? Pouring? Immersion?



- ✦ "Baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, according to the choice of the applicant" - *Church of the Nazarene Manual*, 2009-2013 ed., p. 35.
- ✦ "What is the meaning of the word 'baptize'? 'Baptize' means to apply water by washing, pouring, sprinkling, or immersing" - *Luther's Small Catechism*, par. 244, p. 170.

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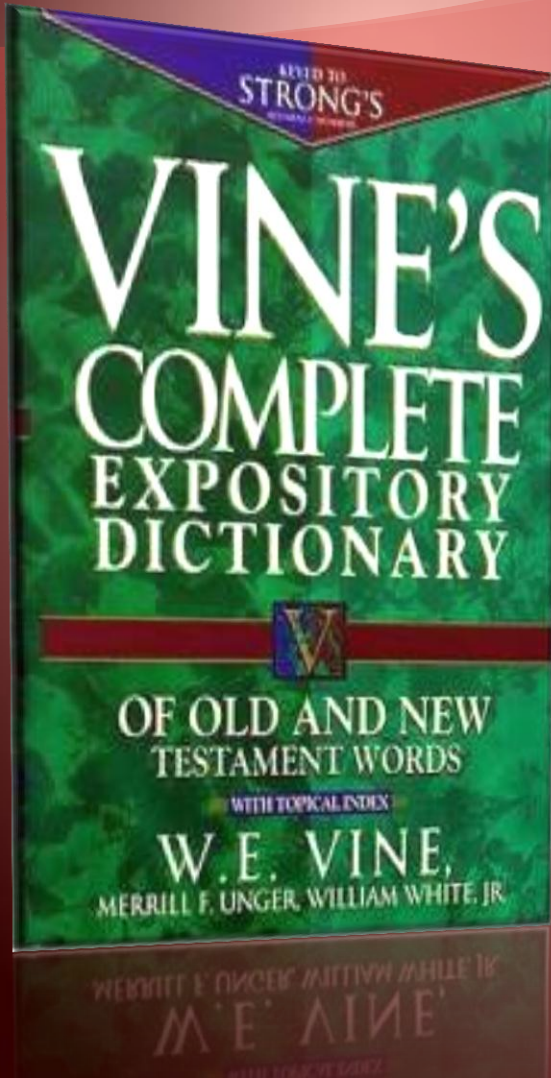
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- ✦ "Dipping of the person into the water is not necessary; the Baptism is rightly administered by pouring or sprinkling water upon the person" - "Westminster Confession of Faith," par. 6.141, *Presbyterian Book of Confessions*, 1967 ed.
- ✦ "How is baptism given? It is given by pouring water over the forehead of the person to be baptized ..." - A Catechism for Adults (Catholic), 1975 ed., p. 63.

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Sprinkling? Pouring? Immersion?



Sprinkling? Pouring?

- ◆ Original Word: ῥαντίζω, rhantizō - <G4472> - "to sprinkle,"
- ◆ βρέχω, brechō - <G1026> - "to wet," is translated "to wash" in Luke 7:38, 44, AV; the RV, "to wet" and "hath wetted," gives the correct rendering. See RAIN, Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

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Sprinkling? Pouring? Immersion?

Baptize = To Immerse - To Dip - To Plunge

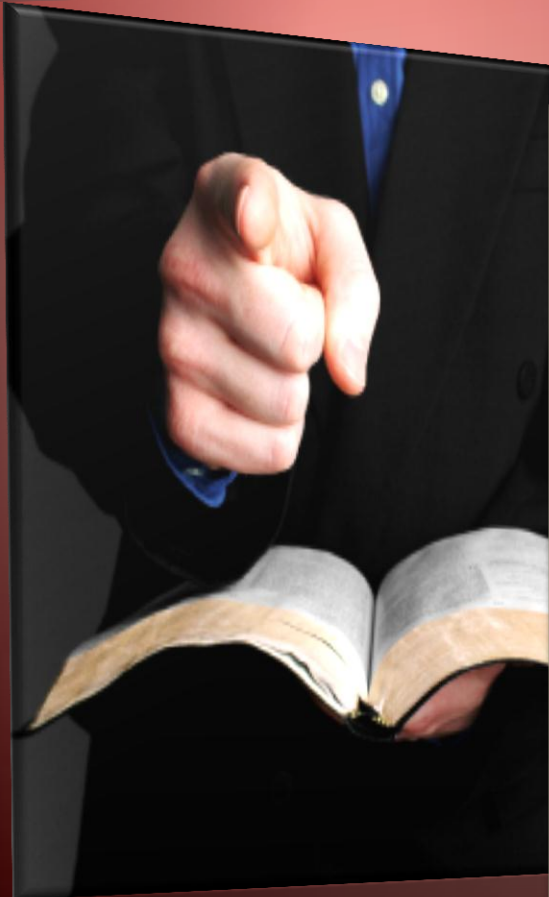
Leviticus 15:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And whomever the one who has the discharge touches, and has not rinsed (nipto) his hands in water, he shall wash (plyno) his clothes and bathe (louo) in water, and be unclean until evening.

- ❖ **Nipto** – to sprinkle or rinse –
- ❖ **Plyno** – has to do with inanimate objects.
- ❖ **Louo** – does not require immersion, but can include it
- ❖ **Baptizo** – Can ONLY be immersion

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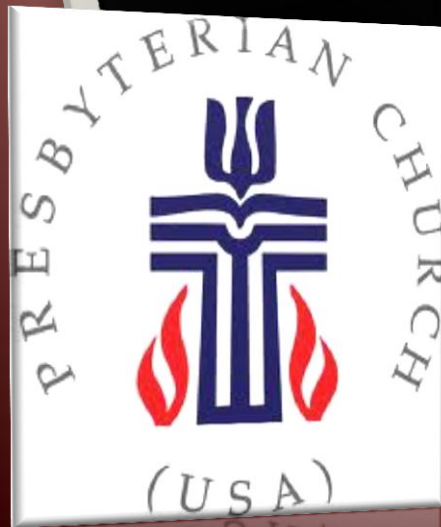
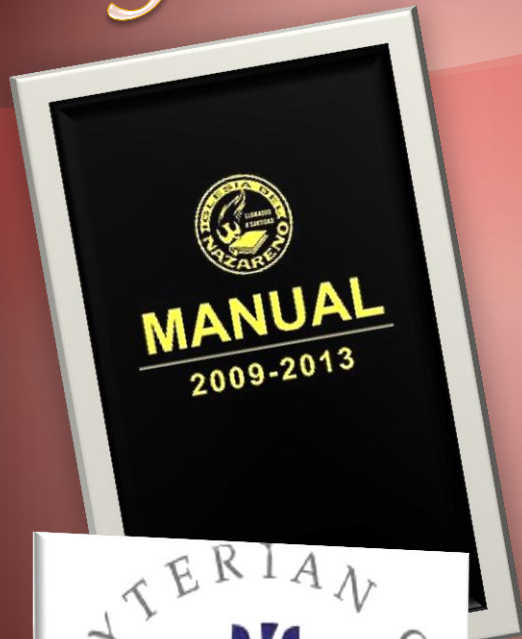
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- ❖ **Acts 8:36-39** – “both Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, . . .”
- ❖ **Romans 6:3-6** – “we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead . . .”
- ❖ **Colossians 2:12** – “buried with him in baptism, in which you also were raised with through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

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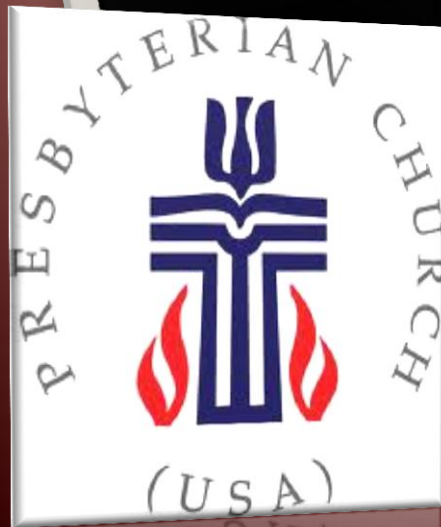
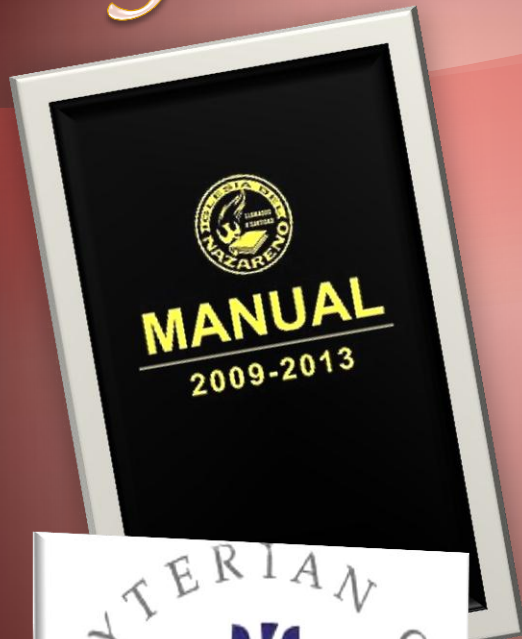
Infants? Small Children? Believers?



- ◆ “Baptism being a symbol of the new covenant, young children may be baptized, upon request of parents or guardians who shall give assurance for them of necessary Christian training.” - *Church of the Nazarene Manual*, 2009-2013 ed., p. 35.
- ◆ “The baptism of young children is to be retained in the church.” *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, p. 59

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◆ “Circumcision in the Old Testament was in that dispensation what baptism is in this, Colossians 2:11, 12 is the final proof of this . . . Colossians 2:11, 12 and the other facts which we have considered make it evident that baptism took the place of circumcision. . . . as in the Old Testament the Covenant sign was applied to the believer's child, so also the sign of his faith, baptism, should likewise be applied to his child.” - Francis A. Schaeffer, Presbyterian - http://www.fivesolas.com/fs_bapt.htm

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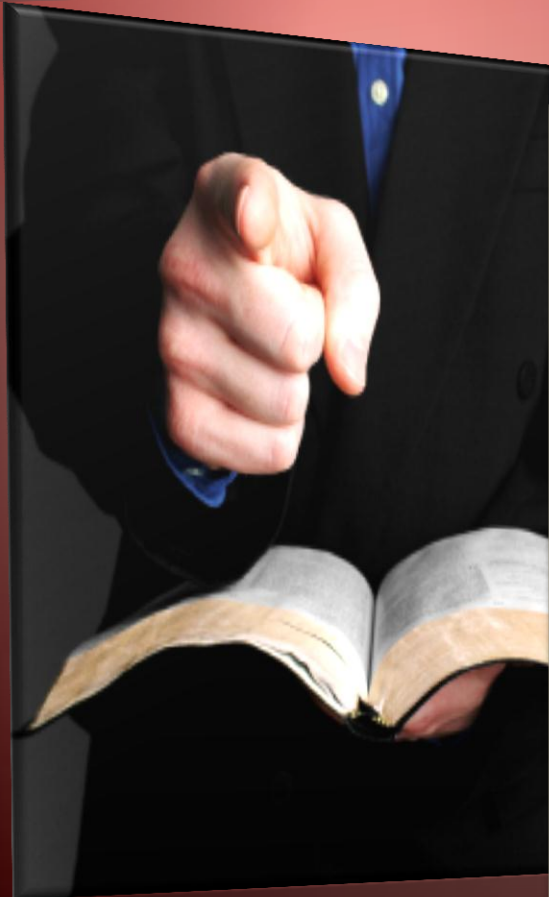
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- ◆ Some denominations that practice infant baptism: the **Roman Catholic Church**, the **Eastern Orthodox Church**, **Oriental Orthodoxy**, **Armenian Apostolic Church**, **Assyrian Church of the East**, the **Anglican churches**, **Lutherans**, **Presbyterians**, **Methodists**, some **Church of the Nazarene**, the **Reformed Church in America**, the **United Church of Canada**, the **United Church of Christ (UCC)**, and the **Continental Reformed**.

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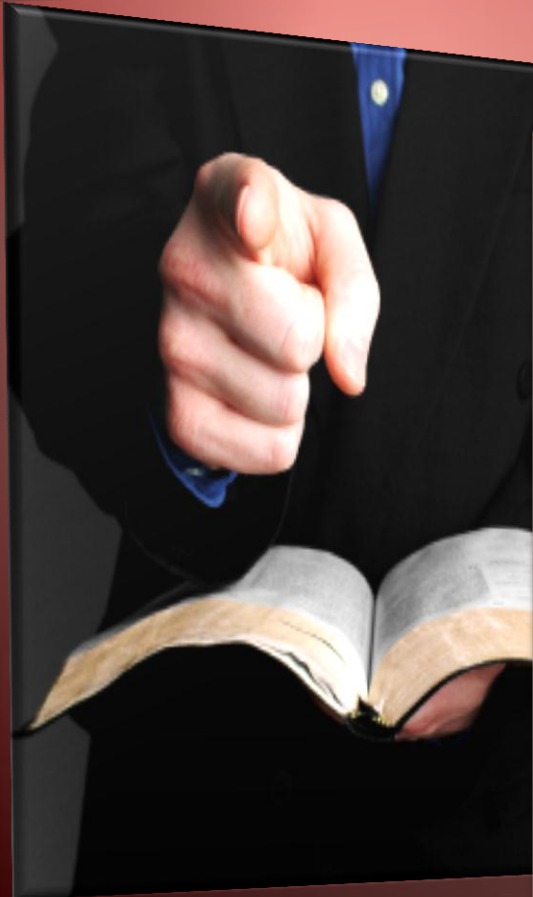


What About Baptism And Circumcision? - Col. 2:11-13

- ◆ Baptism is NOT the New Testament circumcision.
- ❖ The circumcision of this passage is the circumcision of Christ which is WITHOUT hands – (baptism is with hands)
- ❖ The circumcision of Christ is performed by God when a person is baptized – God cuts away one's sins. Infants have NO sins – (Ezk. 18:20-32)

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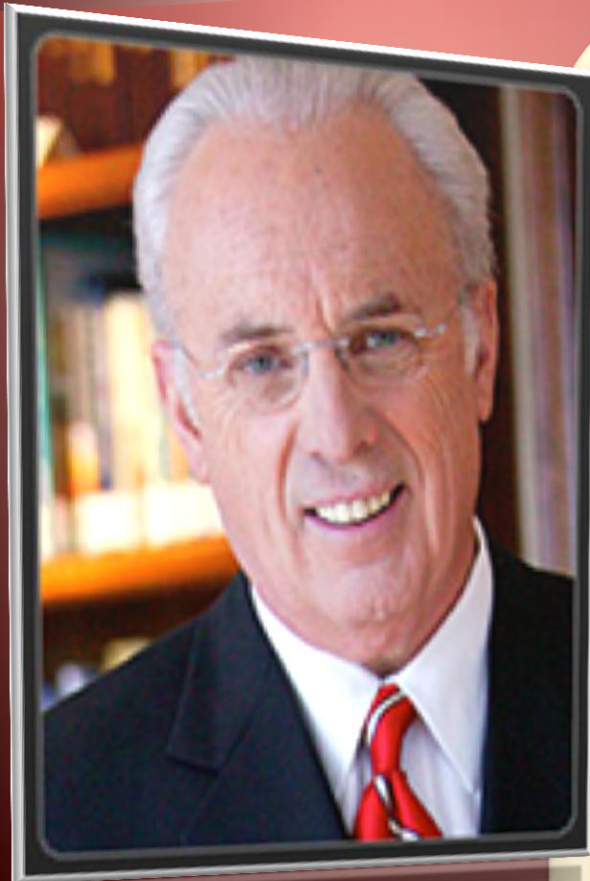
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- ◆ Can Babies Meet the Conditions that Must Precede Baptism? – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:37 . . . **NO**
- ◆ Can Babies Be Baptized for the Right Reason? – Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12,13 . . . **NO**
- ◆ Can Babies Make the Commitment that Baptism Requires? – Gal. 3:26,27; Rom 6:3-6 . . . **NO**

THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

“An Outward Sign of An Inward Grace?”



“Baptism is the outward sign of one’s faith in Christ. It is an act of obedience by which a person demonstrates the reality of his salvation. Salvation is not visibly seen but is a supernatural, spiritual transaction. The fruit, or result of salvation, however, should be evident.” –

A Daily Touch of God’s Grace

by John MacArthur, pg 17

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“An Outward Sign of An Inward Grace?”



The Baptist Way Book –
By Ben Bogard

“Baptism is not a saving ordinance. It should never be administered to any except to those who are already saved. (pg. 9, 3rd paragraph)

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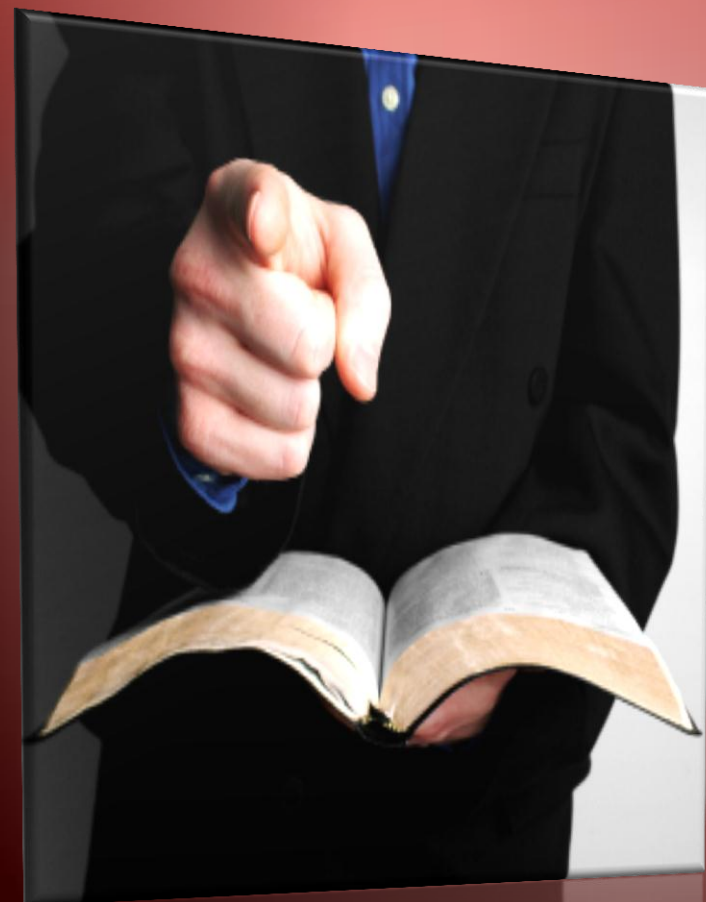


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If anything is clearly taught
in the scriptures it is that
salvation is by grace
through faith, and not by
works or ceremonies,
(Pg. 8), . . .

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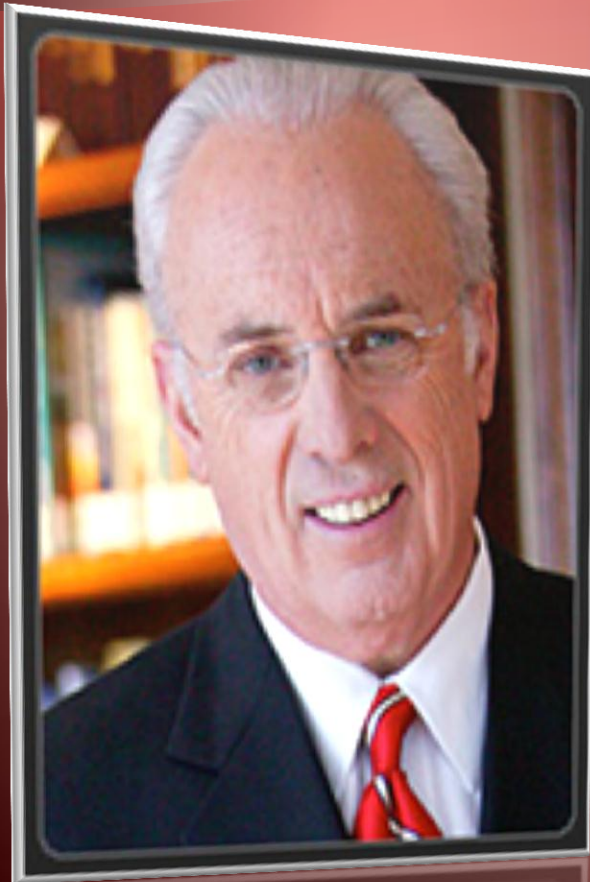
“An Outward Sign of An Inward Grace?”



- ✦ This phrase is NOT found in scripture – nor is the idea alluded to in scripture.
- ✦ In fact - the idea is contrary to scripture – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21

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"A Command But Not Salvific?"

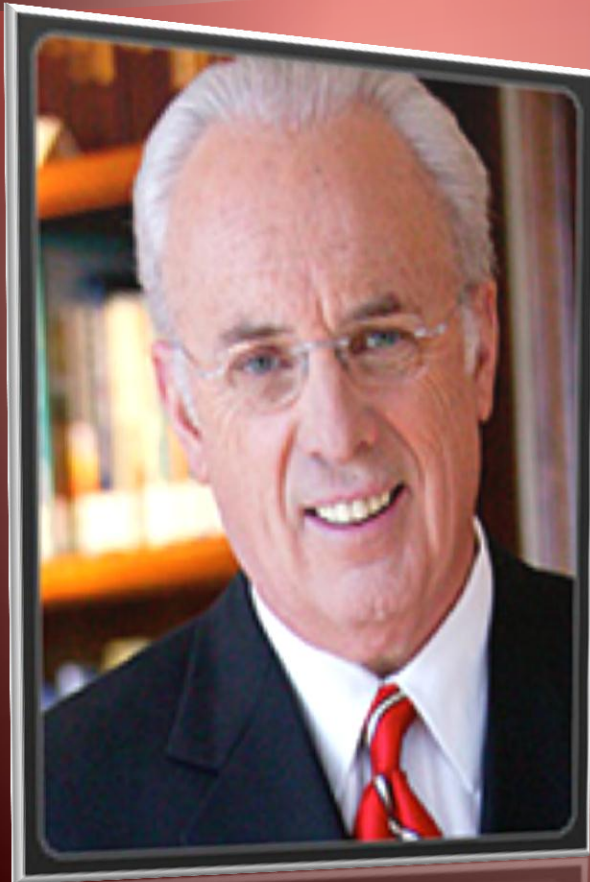


"We're not saved by the water. That's not going to save you. "By grace are you saved, through what?" "Faith, that not of yourself, not of works," not of works . . . I have to confess that you can be saved and not be baptized, but you're in a condition of disobedience. . . ."

<http://www.ondoctrine.com/2mac0001.htm>

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“A Command But Not Salvific?”



“Baptism produces nothing but blessing. Nothing but the joy and the reward of obedience. Nothing but the affirmation of God to an obedient child. It doesn't save you, it doesn't make you holier than somebody else. It just brings you the blessing of obedience; that's what it does.”

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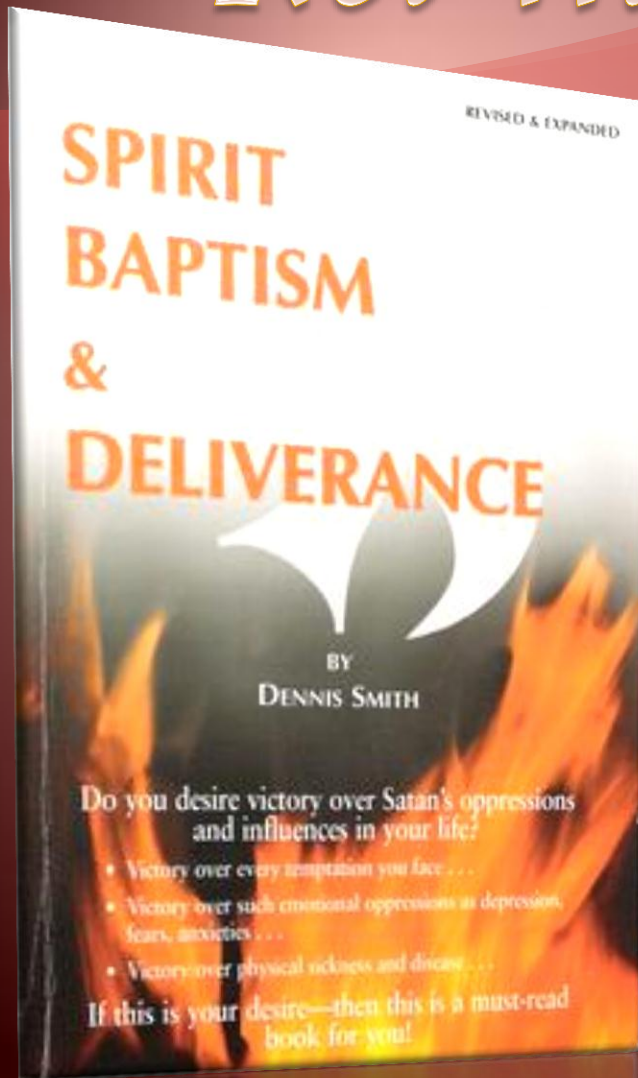
"A Command But Not Salvific?"



- ◆ It is a command – Acts 10:47,48
- ◆ AND - It is a command that must be obeyed – it is part of the gospel - Mark 16:16; Rom. 10:14-17; 2 Thes 1:7-9; 1 Pet 4:7
- ◆ Jesus is the author of salvation to all those who obey Him – Heb. 5:8,9; Luke 6:46
- ◆ Consider Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; 1 Pet 3:21

THE ELEMENT OF BAPTISM

“Not Water But Spirit?”



- ◆ The argument is that the baptism that saves is with the Holy Spirit and not water —
- ◆ Those advocating this idea say that passages mentioning baptism, such as Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Cor. 12:13, refers to spirit baptism and not water baptism.

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“Not Water But Spirit?”



- ◆ The baptism that saves is the baptism of the great commission – Mat. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16
- ◆ The Baptism that saves is baptism in the name of Jesus – which is the believers immersion in water unto the remission of sins – Act 2:38; 8:9-17; 10:47,48; 19:1-6.

Some Important Questions



- ◆ How old were you when you were baptized?
- ◆ How were you baptized?
- ◆ What did you confess before you were baptized?
- ◆ For what purpose were you baptized?
- ◆ Did you believe that you were already saved when you were baptized?

Have You Been Baptized?

When? - How? - Why?

Into What Were You Baptized?

**Were You Responding to
the Gospel of Christ or a
Doctrine of Men?**

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Acts 8:9-16 (NKJV)

⁹ But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, ¹⁰ to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God."

Acts 8:9-16 (NKJV)

¹¹ And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. 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 8:9-16 (NKJV)

¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. ¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

Acts 8:9-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶

For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.