



# The Voice Of Truth

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### Bible Baptism

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One of the most debated subjects in the religious world is that of baptism. An unbiased study of the word of God will convince one that baptism is a very vital part in God's plan of man's redemption. Don't flippantly reject a study of the matter, for baptism is in God's book for a purpose. Let us enter into this study with an open mind, investigating what the Scriptures say that baptism can do, and what it cannot do, to affect our salvation.

Baptism cannot change the heart. This is done by faith (Acts 15:9). The heart is changed when we believe in God's word, and accept it in simple trusting faith (1 Peter 1:22-23).

Baptism cannot change the life. This is done by repentance (Matthew 3:8). The fruits would attest to a change of life which repentance wrought.

Baptism does not guarantee eternal life. Even after one is baptized into Christ, he can so sin as to be lost (Galatians 5:4; 1 Corinthians 9:27).

Baptism does not prevent all wrongs. One who has been baptized is still vulnerable, and can do wrong. Ananias and Sapphira are examples of this.

Baptism does not remove temptation (James 1:13-14).

Notice now what baptism can do:

Baptism stands between the sinner and salvation (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

Baptism stands between the sinner and remission of sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Baptism stands between the sinner and the kingdom (John 3:5).

Baptism stands between the sinner and forgiveness (Colossians 2:11-12).

Baptism stands between the sinner and Christ's blood (Romans 6:3).

Baptism stands between the sinner and being a child of God, and putting on Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).

Baptism stands between the sinner and the

body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13).

Baptism is a very vital part in God's plan of man's salvation. One is not saved until he has been baptized. One must be baptized in order to be saved.

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### Are We Walking Bibles???

1. Who was the world's first murdered?
2. Who was the apostle that betrayed Jesus?
3. Which book comes after 1 Kings?
4. Was Jesus baptized for the remission of sins?
5. Who was thrown in the lions' den?
6. Who was the apostle that denied Jesus?
7. What man wrote the most New Testaments books?
8. Who was the cousin of Jesus that prepared His way?
9. How many books are in the Old Testament?
10. How many books in the New Testament?
11. Who was the wisest man of the Old Testament?
12. How many people were saved in the ark?
13. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
14. How many people were baptized on the first Pentecost following Jesus' ascension?
15. Are the Ten Commandments binding today?
16. Who preached the first recorded gospel sermon?
17. Who led the children of Israel in the conquest of Jericho?
18. Who was the brother of Moses?
19. Who was the first King of Israel?
20. How many dispensations of the Bible history are there?
21. Who wrote the book of Acts?
22. Who took the second missionary journey with Paul?
23. Who was the apostle who took the place of Judas?
24. Who was the weeping prophet?

This quiz was given to 275 teenagers in seven

states, representing 15 different congregations. The numbers who missed them were:

1. 9%
2. 10%
3. 13%
4. 14%
5. 17%
6. 24%
7. 24%
8. 24%
9. 28%
10. 29%
11. 31%
12. 32%
13. 33%
14. 35%
15. 38%
16. 42%
17. 46%
18. 46%
19. 48%
20. 53%
21. 54%
22. 56%
23. 68%
24. 74%

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### WILL YOU SIGN YOUR NAME?

"I \_\_\_\_\_ will agree that the church study quit having Bible study, midweek study on Wednesday night, and Sunday Day worship service, because I believe them to be unimportant. I do not attend and if given the opportunity, will speak against the attendance of others."

You won't sign? That's okay: **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**, anyway.

Deliberate absence is a vote to close the doors of the meeting-house for these services. **THINK ABOUT IT!**

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**What a man possesses is not as Important as what possesses him!**

**What sort of church would the Lord's church be, if every member Were just like me?**

**The Bible let it light your path**

**Tragedy in Bible class!  
The vacant chair and unopened Bible,  
Are they yours?**

**Happy is the man who walks so close to God  
That there is no room for the devil to  
Get in between.**

**Yesterday is the tomorrow that got away!**