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## BAPTISM'S BLESSINGS

(Romans 6:1-6)

“Baptism” - to submerge and emerge; to immerse; plunge; dip; bury.

The element in which to baptized is water - (John 3:23; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 8:38-39; Romans 6:4; Col. 2:12)

Baptism is the last event in the spiritual birth process; it's the delivery.

It is preceded by: hearing, believing, repentance, and confession of faith.

## BAPTISM HAS BLESSINGS (BENEFITS) ATTACHED TO IT

1. (1 Peter 3:20-21) “... even baptism does also now **save us** ... “

“Saved” - not lost; not destroyed; delivered; preserved; kept; safe-guarded.

Note the connection in baptism and salvation: (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:40-41, v47)

2. (1 Peter 3:21) “... but the **answer of a good conscience toward God** ... “

One cannot have a “good conscience toward God” when you know to be baptized and then not do it.

(1 John 5:13) “... that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life ... “

3. (Galatians 3:26-27) “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, for as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**”

Not hearing the message, not faith alone, not repentance, and not a confession can put you “into” Christ.

One may say he has faith “in” Christ; however, it's baptism that puts us “into” Him.

4. (1 Cor. 12:13-14) “For by one Spirit are we all **baptized into one body** ... “

The “body” is the “church” - (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18)

Being in the body is important - (Eph. 5:23) “... and he is savior of the body.”

People today want Christ, but not the church, and that's impossible!

5. (Acts 2:37-38) “... repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”

6. (John 3:3-7) “... except a man be born again ... be born of water and of the Spirit ... **Ye must be born again.**”

Spiritual birth, new life, is linked to baptism - (Romans 6:3-4) “... **newness of life.**”

(2 Cor. 5:17) “if any man be **in Christ**, he is a **new creation** ... “

CLOSE - (1 Peter 2:2) “As newborn babes ... grow thereby.”