

Does Baptism Save Us?

1 Pet 3:21

Introduction:

- A. Text says that our salvation is an antitype of Noah's salvation.
 - 1. Noah was translated from old world to new by water of flood.
 - 2. We are translated from old world to new by water of baptism.
- B. Text makes clear three *facts* about Bible Baptism.

Discussion:

I. The Results of Baptism Is *Salvation*.

- A. Peter says it now saves - whatever it is involved in it. (cf. Acts 2:38).
- B. Other N.T. preachers used other words to teach the same thing.
 - 1. Jesus. (Mk. 16:16).
 - 2. Ananias. (Acts 22:16).
 - 3. Paul. (Col. 2:12-13; Rom. 6:1-4; cf. 1 Cor. 1:17).

II. The Element of Baptism Is *Water*.

- A. "Eight souls...saved by water" means nothing if not water baptism.
- B. Baptized "in name of Jesus" an immersed in water.
 - 1. Baptism of Samaritans was "in name of Jesus" and not H.S. baptism. (Acts 8:15-16).
 - 2. Baptism of Ethiopian was in water (Acts 8:36-38) - Note: "dessert" (Mk. 6:32-39).
 - 3. Baptism of Romans and Colossians was a burial (immersion) (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12).

III. The Power of Baptism Is *Divine Power*.

- A. The power of the risen Savior (v. 21)
 - 1. God's power raised Jesus from the grave unto new life.
 - 2. God's power raises us from watery grave unto new life. (Col. 2:12-13; Rom. 6:1-4)
- B. The power (or authority) of the exalted Christ. (V. 22; cf. Acts 2:36).
 - 1. Baptism of the great commission by His authority. (Matt. 28:18-20).
 - 2. Baptism of Pentecostians by His authority. (Acts 2:38).
 - 3. Baptism of Samaritans by His authority. (Acts 8:16)
 - 4. Baptism of Ephesians by His authority. (Acts 19:4,5).

Conclusion:

- A. The same God that saved Noah by water can save us by water.
- B. The Bible versus Protestant on baptism.
 - 1. "***N-o-w*** save us" vs. "***N-o-t*** save us."
 - 2. Salvation for unbaptized believers vs salvation for baptized believers.