

# Answering Arguments Against Baptism

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## Romans 6:3-7 (NKJV)

“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.”

## Romans 10:9 (NKJV)

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

## Luke 23:39-43 (NKJV)

“Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."”

## Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)

“having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

## Hebrews 9:16,17 (NKJV)

“For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.”

## Mark 16:15,16 (NKJV)

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## John 3:16,17 (NKJV)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

## Romans 5:2 (NKJV)

“through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

## Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”

## James 2:24 (NKJV)

“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.”

## Luke 13:3 (NKJV)

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“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”



## Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

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## Acts 11:18 (NKJV)

“When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.””

## Romans 10:4 (NKJV)

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

## Matthew 26:28 (NKJV)

“For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

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## Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

## John 3:3-5 (NKJV)

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

## Galatians 3:27 (NKJV)

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”



## I Peter 3:21 (NKJV)

“There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”

## Mark 16:16 (NKJV)

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“buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

## Hebrews 5:8,9 (NKJV)

“though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”

## Luke 17:10 (NKJV)

“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'”

## Joshua 6:2 (NKJV)

“And the Lord said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.”



## Hebrews 11:30 (NKJV)

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.”

## Joshua 2:18 (NKJV)

““unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.”

## Joshua 6:23-25 (NKJV)

“And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.”

## Hebrews 11:31 (NKJV)

“By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.”

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## I Corinthians 1:17 (NKJV)

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.”



## I Corinthians 1:14 (NKJV)

“I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,”

## Acts 19:4-6 (NKJV)

“Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

## Acts 18:24-28 (NKJV)

“Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.”

## Romans 6:3,4 (NKJV)

“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

## Galatians 3:26-29 (NKJV)

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

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## Ephesians 4:4-6 (NKJV)

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

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“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”



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## John 12:44 (NKJV)

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## Romans 2:16 (NKJV)

“in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.”

## Romans 16:25 (NKJV)

“Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began”

## II Timothy 2:8 (NKJV)

“Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,”

## II Corinthians 4:3 (NKJV)

“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,”

## Galatians 1:23 (NKJV)

“But they were hearing only, “He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.””

## Acts 9:1,2 (NKJV)

“Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”



## Acts 24:14 (NKJV)

““But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.”

## John 5:24 (NKJV)

““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

## Romans 10:13,14 (NKJV)

“For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

## Luke 13:3 (NKJV)

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

## II Corinthians 7:10 (NKJV)

“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

## Matthew 10:32,33 (NKJV)

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

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