

BAPTISM

WATER NEW CREATION  
THE FATHER NEW  
THE SON  
SPIRIT  
HOLY SPIRIT



## 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons,

were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Baptism

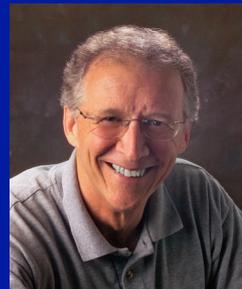
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were **brought safely through water.**

Baptism is a symbolic expression of the heart's "appeal to God." Baptism is a calling on God. It is a way of saying to God with our whole body, "I trust you to take me into Christ like Noah was taken into the ark, and to make Jesus the substitute for my sins and to bring me through these waters of death and judgment into new and everlasting life through the resurrection of Jesus my Lord."

– John Piper



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Hebrews 10:22

let us draw near with a true heart in full  
assurance of faith, with our hearts

**sprinkled clean from an evil conscience**  
and our bodies washed with pure water.

Baptism is only saving if there is an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In other words, baptism saves only because it is anchored to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

– Thomas Schreiner



## Roman Catholic Church on Infant Baptism

1263. By Baptism *all sins* are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God. CCC

1265. Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit. CCC

God has signally blessed and honored the ministry of his servants on both sides of this divide, whether paedobaptists like Luther and Wesley, or Baptists like Spurgeon and Billy Graham. One need but recall the mutual esteem between the Anglican John Newton and the Baptist William Carey to recognize the needlessness of bitter division over this issue.

– Bruce Milne



## Acts 16:15

And after she was baptized, and **her household** as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

## Acts 16:33

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, **he and all his family**.

## 1 Corinthians 1:16

I did baptize also **the household of Stephanas**. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.

# **R.C. Sproul's Summary For Infant Baptism**

1. The New Testament neither explicitly commands nor forbids infant baptism.
2. To make their case, opponents of infant baptism point to the differences between the Old and New Testaments and to the fact that baptism is a sign of faith.
3. Advocates of infant baptism point out the continuity between circumcision and baptism as signs of faith.
4. Most baptisms in the New Testament were of first-generation adult converts, who, of course, could not have been baptized as infants.

5. The record of baptisms in the New Testament includes “household” baptisms, which would seem to include children and infants

6. Church history bears witness to the universal, noncontroversial practice of infant baptism in the second century a.d

*From R.C. Sproul's Essential Truths Of The  
Christian Faith*



## Acts 18:8

Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, **together with his entire household. And many** of the Corinthians hearing Paul **believed and were baptized.**

## Colossians 2:8-12

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made

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of the flesh, by the circumcision of  
Christ, having been buried with him in  
baptism, in which you were also raised  
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## Galatians 3:26-27

for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God,  
**through faith.** For as many of you as were  
baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

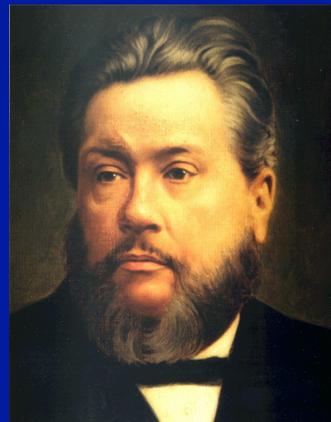
## Old Testament Era

- \* The People Of God are a geo-political, specifically ethnic nation- Israel.
- \* A person is literally born into it.
- \* The literal infant is marked with the sign of the covenant- circumcision

## New Testament Era

- \* The People Of God transcend physical, political and ethnic boundaries- the Church
- \* A person is spiritually born into it.
- \* The “spiritual” infant is marked with the sign of the covenant- water baptism

As long as you give baptism to an unregenerate child, people will imagine that it must do the child good; for they will ask, If it does not do it any good, why is it baptized?  
– Charles Spurgeon



## John 3:23

John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, **because water was plentiful** there, and people were coming and being baptized

## Acts 8:38

And he commanded the chariot to stop, and **they both went down into the water**, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

## Matthew 3:13-15

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

We ought to regard the sacrament of baptism with reverence. An ordinance of which the Lord Jesus Himself partook, is not to be lightly esteemed. An ordinance to which the great Head of the Church submitted, ought to be ever honorable in the eyes of professing Christians.

– J. C. Ryle

