

# Three Things About Baptism

(Acts 2:38)

- Introduction:
1. In my years of preaching, I have found that people have more questions about baptism than they do the identity of Jesus.
  2. We mustn't think that one who has questions about baptism is trying to find a way to skirt God's command.
  3. Rather, many people are sincere seekers of truth and have been taught incorrectly and are unaware.
  4. Therefore, let's talk about this tonight and equip ourselves to help others who are seeking the truth.

## I. Baptism is an Immersion

- A. I am aware that there are several "modes" of baptism that are practiced today (e.g., sprinkling, pouring, and immersion).
- B. Without knowing a word of Greek, we can discern from our English Bibles which method was employed in the Bible.
  1. (Matthew 3:6, 16).
  2. (John 3:23)
  3. (Acts 8:26-40).
  4. (Romans 6:4).

## II. Baptism is for the Remission of Sins

- A. Consider the nature of obedience (what, how, why).
- B. (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).
- C. We must have faith in the "operation [working] of God" (Colossians 2:12).
- D. When we obey that "form of doctrine," we are saved (Romans 6:17).

## III. Baptism is Not a Work of Merit

- A. (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- B. While works of merit or boasting are excluded from the salvation process, works of obedience are necessary.
- C. (John 6:28-29).
- D. Baptism is a divine condition to salvation, not a meritorious work.

- Conclusion:
1. Maybe these thoughts will help you talk to your friends and neighbors about this topic.
  2. Maybe these thoughts have answered some of the questions you had.
  3. If you need to obey this divine condition to salvation, don't delay. "Arise and be baptized, washing away your sins." (Acts 22:16).