

BAPTISM NOW SAVES US.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: 1 Peter 3:20-21.

B. Regarding the text:

1. The text compares our salvation to that of Noah's salvation.
 - 1) Noah was carried from an old world to a new one by water (the flood).
 - 2) We are carried from our old life to a new life by water (baptism).
2. Text makes clear three facts about Bible Baptism.

I. THE RESULTS OF BAPTISM IS SALVATION.

A. Peter says baptism now saves us (1 Peter 3:21).

B. His first sermon included baptism (Acts 2:38).

C. Other N.T. preachers used other words to teach the same thing.

1. Jesus (Mark 16:16).
2. Ananias (Acts 22:16).
3. Paul (Colossians 2:12-13; Romans 6:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:17).
4. Phillip (Acts 8:5, 12).

II. THE ELEMENT OF BAPTISM IS WATER.

A. "Eight souls... saved by water" (Vs. 20). Immersion in water.

B. Baptized "in name of Jesus" (by His authority).

1. Baptism of Samaritans was "in name of Jesus" (Acts 8:15-16).
2. Baptism of Ethiopian eunuch was in water (Acts 8:36-38).
 - 1) The method is immersion.
 - 2) Baptism is translated from the Greek word βαπτίζω (baptizō) which is defined as "to immerse, to submerge" (Strong's Greek Concordance).
3. The baptism in Romans and Colossians were burials (immersion) (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).

C. The method is immersion.

III. THE POWER OF BAPTISM IS DIVINE POWER.

A. The power of the risen Savior (Vs. 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 (Colossians 2:12-13; Romans 6:1-4).

B. The power (or authority) of Christ (Vs. 22; Acts 2:36).

1. Baptism of the great commission by His authority (Matthew 28:18-20).
2. Baptism of those on Pentecost 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).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. The same God that saved Noah by water can save us by water.

B. The Bible on baptism or man's doctrine.

1. Bible "Now save us" vs. Man's doctrine "Not save us."
2. Which of those two is found in God's word? Which of those two did Jesus teach (Mark 16:15-16)?

C. God's plan for salvation involves several things: 1. Hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17). 2. Believe the gospel (Mark 16:16). 3. Repentance (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38). 4. Confess the name of Christ (Romans 10:9-10). 5. Baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). 6. Live faithfully all the way to judgment (Revelation 2:10).