

# Arguments Against Baptism

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# Christian Baptism

Objections to the purposes:

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- **Acts 18:24-26 (ASV)** 24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John: 26 and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, **they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately.**

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**Acts 6:7 (ASV)** And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were **obedient to the faith.**

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**Romans 10:10-13 (ASV)** 10 for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

**Mark 16:16 (ASV)** He that believeth and **is baptized** shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned.

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**James 2:14 (ASV)** What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him?

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**Ephesians 2:13 (ASV)** But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh **in the blood of Christ.**

**Romans 5:9 (ASV)** Much more then, being now **justified by his blood**, shall we be saved from the wrath *of God* through him.

**Revelation 1:5 (ASV)** and from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and **loosed us from our sins by his blood;**



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**2 Timothy 1:8-9 (ASV)** 8 Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God; 9 who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal,

**Romans 3:20 (ASV)** because **by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified** in his sight; for through the law *cometh* the knowledge of sin.

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**1 Peter 3:18-22 (ASV)** 18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, 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; 19 in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, 20 that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, **eight souls, were saved through water:** 21 **which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even baptism,** not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ;

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## **Joel 2:32 (ASV)**

32 And it shall come to pass, that  
**whosoever shall call on the name of  
Jehovah shall be delivered;**

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**Peter:**

**Acts 2:21 (ASV)** And it shall be, that whosoever shall **call on the name of the Lord** shall be saved.

**Acts 2:38 (ASV)** And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and **be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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**Ananias:**

**Acts 9:14 (NIV)** And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who **call on your name.**"

**Acts 22:16 (ASV)** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, **calling on his name.**



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**Matthew 9:6 (ASV)** But that ye may know that the Son of man **hath authority on earth to forgive sins** (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and go up unto thy house.

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**Luke 14:5 (ASV)** And he said unto them,  
Which of you shall have an ass or an ox  
fallen into a well, and will not straightway  
draw him up **on a sabbath day**?

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**Matthew 12:3-4 (ASV)** 3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and **ate the showbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests?**

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**Matthew 12:5 (ASV)** Or have ye not read in the law, that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless?

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**1 Corinthians 1:11-17 (ASV)** 11 For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them *that are of the household* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos: and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crispus and Gaius; 15 lest any man should say that ye were baptized into my name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void.

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**James 2:17 (ASV)** Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself.

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- Teaching of Scripture
- Customs in the early church
- Misunderstandings
- Objections to the Purposes
- **Baptism in the eight Salvation Accounts**

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Explicit mentioning of

- Faith
- Repentance
- Confession
- Baptism

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