

Saved By Water

Introduction:

- A. Often Christians are ridiculed for believing in “water salvation.”
- B. There is a connection between water and salvation. - 1 Peter 3:18-22
- C. What is the connection between water and salvation?
- I. Noah was saved from physical death (type). - 1 Peter 3:20
 - A. He was in danger of death. - Genesis 6:5-7,11-13,17
 - B. God was Noah’s Savior. - Genesis 7:16
 - C. Noah was saved by grace. - Genesis 6:8
 - D. Noah was saved by faith. - Hebrews 11:7
 - E. Noah was saved by obedience. - Genesis 6:14-16,18-22; 7:1; Hebrews 11:7
 - F. Noah was saved by water. - 1 Peter 3:20
 - 1. “by”: “of the means or instrument by which anything is effected” (Thayer. 133)
 - 2. Water both saved Noah and destroyed the disobedient.
 - 3. It was the dividing line between the saved and the lost.
 - G. As the result, Noah was:
 - 1. saved - 1 Peter 3:20; Hebrews 11:7
 - 2. righteous - Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 7:1
- II. We are saved from spiritual death (antitype). - 1 Peter 3:21
 - A. You are in danger of spiritual death. - Romans 3:23; 6:23; Revelation 21:8
 - B. God will save you. - Titus 3:4-5
 - C. It will be by His grace. - Titus 3:4-7
 - D. You will be saved by faith. - Romans 5:1-2
 - E. You will be saved by obedience. - Hebrews 5:8-9
 - F. You will be saved by baptism. - 1 Peter 3:21
 - 1. This is not just a “figure of salvation.”
 - a. Noah's salvation is the figure; our salvation is the fulfillment.
 - (1) The Old Testament is the shadow; the New Testament is the substance. - Hebrews 8:1-5
 - (2) “after a true likeness” (ASV)
 - b. Baptism at the end of the clause explains the water which now saves us.
 - c. There is a likeness between Noah's salvation and ours.
 - (1) In each there is salvation, water is the instrument, and water separates the saved from sin.
 - (2) This is the extent of the comparison.
 - 2. Must we stay out of the water as Noah did?
 - a. If this is the parallel, we will be lost if we are baptized!
 - b. One cannot become a Baptist without being baptized!
 - 3. “not the putting away of the filth of the flesh”
 - a. “not the removal of dirt from the flesh” (NASB)
 - b. The power to save is not in the water.

4. "but the answer of a good conscience toward God"

a. "answer": "request, appeal an appeal to God for a clear conscience"(Thayer. 285)

b. In baptism one appeals to God to cleanse his conscience. - Hebrews 10:22; 9:13-14

5. "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" - Hebrews 7:15-16, 24-25

G. As the results, you will be:

1. saved - 1 Peter 3:21

2. righteous - Romans 6:17-18

Conclusion:

A. Which statement will you accept?

1. "Baptism doth also NOW save us."

2. "Baptism doth also NOT save us."

B. Why tarriest thou.? - Acts 22:16