**CAN ONE BE SAVED WITHOUT BAPTISM?**

**Romans 6:1 – 6**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. [We] hear many things about baptism from members of the church, that just are **NOT** true.

 A. “Well, I believe God is a just God, He just might accept one who is **NOT** baptized.”

 B. “So and so are good people [all their lives] and I believe God will take that into account.”

2. These statements stand in direct contrast with plain and simple New Testament teachings.

 A. Let’s examine what the New Testament has to say on this very vital subject.

 1. Please allow God’s Word to call our attention to what the results of baptism are and

 how these results pertain to anyone failing to adhere to God’s Word of OBEDIENCE.

**BODY:**

**1. BAPTISM IS FOR REMISSION OF SINS (Ac 2:38)**

A. According to Vine’s Expository Dictionary of N.T. Words, p. 957, the word “remission” means “A dismissal, release, is used of the forgiveness of sins...”

 B. Thus, one who is **NOT** baptized has **NOT** had their sins “dismissed” or “released”.

 1. **NOT** having sins “dismissed/released” leaves one in a lost condition (Rom 6:23).

 C. When suggesting God will overlook baptism, ignores the teachings of these passages.

 1. Having clearly seen this to be true, how could one believe baptism is unimportant?

**2. BAPTISM WASHES ONE’S SINS AWAY (Ac 22:16)**

A. It is crystal clear Saul was told to have his sins “washed away” by baptism.

 1. Now, with this being the case, can one be saved who fails to be baptized according to

 the process authorized for one’s sins to be “washed away”?

 B. When one suggests God will overlook baptism, one is saying what is **NOT** authorized.

 1. The Word of God has **NOT** changed one “iota” since the conversion of Saul.

 2. Thus, by baptism, must one have their sins “washed away”.

 C. In view of this Biblical TRUTH, how could one possibly believe baptism is unimportant?

**3. BAPTISM ALLOWS ONE TO WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE (Rom 6:3, 4)**

A. One of the benefits Christian(s) attain by baptism is [we] walk in “newness of life”.

 1. One, who is in Christ, is a “new creature [creation]” (2 Cor 5:17).

 B. What is the condition of the person who has failed to be baptized into Christ?

**4. BAPTISM MAKES ONE FREE FROM PAST SINS (Rom 6:17, 18)**

A. One who has **NOT** been baptized is still burdened by their sins.

 1. How tragic it is to have people in the church **NOT** understanding this simple point?

 2. Perhaps, this is why so many are **NOT** active in leading others to Christ.

**5. BAPTISM PLACES ONE INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST (1 Cor 12:13)**

A. Since the body is the “body [church] of Christ” (Eph 1:22, 23), when one fails to be

 baptized, one is left out of the church [body] where salvation is provided (Ac 2:47).

 1. Those in this condition have **NO** hope at all when it comes to the judgment day.

 B. One can easily see the necessity of baptism using God’s Word, correctly (2 Tim 2:15).

**6. BAPTISM PUTS ON CHRIST (Gal 3:27)**

 A. What is the condition of the person who fails to be baptized?

 B. To “put on Christ” is to place one’s self in subjection to the Will of Christ.

 1. Thus, implying His Character, feelings and words applies to us.

 A. Thus, when one fails to be baptized, one fails to place oneself in subjection to

 the Will of Jesus; failing to be OBEDIENT to Him (Lk 6:46; Jn 14:15).

 C. Knowing this, how could one possibly BELIEVE baptism is **NOT** essential for salvation?