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- ***3 Things Often Said About Baptism***

- **1. Baptism does not put away sin.**
- **2. Baptism is only a figure of salvation.**
- **3. Baptism is merely for the conscience sake.**

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- **“It is the view of Baptists that the baptized person has already become regenerate (made new i.e., cleansed of his sins) by the work of the Holy Spirit prior to baptism, and that baptism is a public acknowledgment of that fact.” *(A Baptist Manual of Polity and Practice Pg. 131)***
- **“Having already repented and confessed his faith in Christ, he has been received by Christ into his church. Now in baptism he is confessing publicly what has already been confessed in private. Therefore the act of baptism does not make a man regenerate.” *(A Baptist Manual of Polity and Practice Pg. 131)***

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- **“A thing resembling another, its counterpart; something in the Messianic times which answers to the type prefiguring it in the O.T., as baptism corresponds to the deluge”. (Thayer)**

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- **(ESV)** Baptism, which corresponds to this, . . .
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- **1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

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- **Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

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- **Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'**

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- **Acts 10:48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

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- **Acts 2:36** “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

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- **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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- **(ASV)** . . . not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, . . .
- **(NASB)** . . . not the removal of dirt from the flesh, . . .
- **(ESV)** . . . not as a removal of dirt from the body . . .
- **(NIV)** . . . not the removal of dirt from the body . . .
- **(NLT)** . . . not by removing dirt from your body, . . .

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- **Leviticus 16:3-4 Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. 4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on.**

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- Hebrews 9:10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

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- **Hebrews 6:1-2** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

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- **“An inquiry” (*Strong’s*)**
- **“A demand or appeal” (*Vine’s*)**
- **“An inquiry . . .”; “A demand . . .”; “As the terms of inquiry and demand often include the idea of desire, the word thus gets the signification of ‘earnest seeking’, i.e. ‘a craving, an intense desire’, ‘to long for something’, . . .” (*Thayer*)**
- **“In ancient Greek it never means answer, but only inquiry.” (*Robertson’s Word Pictures*)**

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- **(NRSV)** . . . not as a removal of dirt from the body, **but** as an appeal to God for a good conscience, . . .
- **(GW)** . . . Baptism doesn't save by removing dirt from the body. **Rather**, baptism is a request to God for a clear conscience. . . .

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- **Hebrews 9:6-9** Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. 7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience--

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- **Hebrews 9:11-14** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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- **Hebrews 10:19-22** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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- **Mark 16:15-16** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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- **Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

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