

SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED AGAIN?

ACTS 19:1-7

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1. Question Often Asked
2. If Baptized Once, Is it A Sin to Be Baptized Again?
3. Bible Answers: Acts 19:1-7

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Acts 19:1-7

¹⁹ And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples:

² and he said unto them, *Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?* And they (said) unto him, *Nay, we did not so much as hear whether the Holy Spirit was (given).*

³ And he said, *Into what then were ye baptized?* And they said, *Into John's baptism.*

⁴ And Paul said, *John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on Jesus.*

⁵ And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

⁷ And they were in all about twelve men.

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True Gospel Revealed by the Holy Spirit

Acts 19:1-2 – Why Ask If They Received the Spirit?

- John 16:13 – The Spirit to Reveal “All Truth” – If Receive the Spirit, Receive the Truth
- Truth Confirmed by Miracles –
 - Acts 2:1-4, 21, 38, 43 – Gospel Revealed and Confirmed from Beginning
 - Hebrews 2:3-4 – Truth Confirmed by Miracles – This Evidence Recorded in Scripture
 - Receive Truth Revealed, Receive Salvation 4
 - Receive Truth, Receive Salvation

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Matthew 28:19, “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

➤ If One Does Not Know True Gospel, Baptism Not Valid

- Not Mere Ritual – Based on Truth
- Their Baptism Not Based on Truth of Gospel

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➤ Clarify Why Their Was Baptism Wrong

Acts 19:3-4 – Baptism of John.

- Taught Before Gospel Revealed.
- Purpose: Prepare Hearts to Receive Christ.
- Before the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19)

➤ Clarify Wrong Baptism Today.

- Wrong If Not Revealed in New Testament.
- Wrong If Wrong Purpose.
- Wrong If Not the Baptism of the Great Commission.

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Acts 19:5-7 – Learned Truth and Obeyed

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▶ **Mark 16:15-16**

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▶ **Acts 22:16**

▶ **Romans 6:3-4**

▶ **1 Corinthians 12:13**

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- Verse 6 – Paul Gave Miraculous Gifts: Equip Them to Proclaim and Confirm True Gospel
- Age of Miracles Ended When Apostles Died (cf. Acts 8:18ff; cf. 1 Corinthians 13)
- New Testament Complete: Equips Us to Proclaim and Confirm True Gospel

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Did Not Object, Gladly Obeyed by Faith!

Objections Focused on Former Baptism:

- "... Already Been Baptized"
- "... Sin to Reject Former Baptism"
- "... Embarrassed to be Baptized Again"
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Did Not Object, Gladly Obeyed by Faith!

Objections Focused on Personal Pride:

- "... We Tell Others How to be Saved, But This Doctrine Means We Are Not Saved"
- "... Our Pride Is Offended If We Admit Our Doctrine and Baptism Is False"
- Ephesians: Did Not Object, Gladly Obeyed!

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Great Gain, Not Loss, When Obey True Gospel!

Ephesians 1:3-7 – Receive "All Spiritual Blessings" When Baptized Into Christ

Ephesians 3:8 – Receive "Unsearchable Riches" When Baptized Into Christ

If Remain in Sin and Error – Great Loss, Not Gain!

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Some Need to Be Baptized Again TODAY!

Proper Subject, Person Needing Baptism:
Truth versus Error

- Mature Thinking Person Lost in Sin:
 - **Mark 16:16** – Must Believe
 - **John 3:5** – Hear the Message of the Spirit
 - **Acts 2:38** – Must Repent
 - **Acts 22:16** – Call Upon Name of the Lord
 - **Romans 6:3-4** – Know, Baptized into Death, New Life
 - **1 Corinthians 12:13** – Hear the Spirit, Added to Body to Function, Enjoy Spiritual Blessings
- Error: Baptize Baby

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Proper Action of Baptism: Truth VS. Error

- Immersion: Greek – *baptisma, baptizo*
 - “Consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence,” “to dip” (W.E. Vine) cf. Luke 16:24
 - “To immerge, submerge ... an immersion in water” (J.H. Thayer)
 - **Romans 6:4; John 3:23** – “Buried ... by Baptism,” Requires “Much Water”
- Error: Sprinkle, Pour

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Proper Purpose of Baptism: Truth versus Error

- Receive Salvation from Past Sins.
 - Error: Saved by Faith as Mental Assent – NOT Baptized to Receive Salvation, But to Show Salvation.
 - Error: Confessed – “I believe that God has, for Christ Sake Saved Me From My Sins.”
- **Ephesians 4:5** – “One Baptism” – One True Gospel Baptism.
 - Proper Subjects, Action, Purpose.
 - Any Other Baptism NOT the “One Baptism.”

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Conclusion:

- ✓ Believe Jesus Christ Is The Son of God, The Savior, Our Only Hope! John 8:24
 - ✓ Put Complete Trust in Him: Be Baptized!
- ✓ Repent of Sins. Acts 2:38
- ✓ Confess your faith. Acts 8:36ff
- ✓ Who Needs to Be Baptized TODAY?
 - Never Before Baptized.
 - Taught Right, Baptized, Did Not Understand.
 - Taught Wrong, Received Wrong Baptism.
- ✓ Commitment: Separate from Life of Sin. 17
Romans 6:12