

Baptism: Required for Salvation?

Introduction

The confusion and the controversy: the result of being misguided and mistaken!

(1) The Source: an innocent misunderstanding (Acts 2:38)

- **The prior context of the Day of Pentecost (John 21:15-22; Matthew 26:69-75; 28:18-20)**
 - >> Peter's great message preceded by a significant awareness
 - >> Pentecost's great results: the fulfillment of an awesome promise
- **The ensuing context of the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:42-47)**
 - >> the need for teaching the 3,000 new disciples
 - >> the need for clarification of any possible confusion

(2) The Solution: a necessary correction (Acts 3:17-26)

- **The ripple effect of a revised methodology**
 - >> understood by Phillip (Acts 8:38-37)
 - >> followed up by Peter (Acts 10:43)
- **The apostle Paul: the man of that moment**
 - >> fully implemented by Paul (Acts 13:38; 16:30-31)
 - >> the indisputable distinction of Paul (1 Corinthians 1:17)

(3) The Sequel: a commission requiring transition (Acts 1:8)

- **Peter: the tumultuous man in transition**
 - >> the highlights (Acts 10:9-11:18; Acts 15:6-11)
 - >> the lowlight (Galatians 2:11-14)
- **Baptism: not required but not optional**
 - >> to believe it is required is a serious doctrinal error (Galatians 1:6-9, 5:1-12, 6:12-15)
 - >> to believe it is optional is an act of disobedience (1 Peter 3:21-22)