

THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

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The bible uses 'water' and 'cleansing' as metaphors to explain how God removes our sins (physical actions that explain spiritual truths). This is an essential process if spiritual life is to be achieved. Repentance is a lifetime commitment to learning how to choose spiritual principles, and how to recover from errors and bad choices... very similar to an ongoing marriage vow. The first step is commitment to water baptism... an act of repentance and defined as such in 4 separate scriptures. God then responds with his baptism of purification.

Jesus declared the following: MAT 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now (baptism): for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.

Baptism of repentance (mentioned 4 times). **ACT 19:4** Then said Paul, John verily **baptized with the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should **believe on him** which should **come after him**, that is, on Christ Jesus. MAR 1:4, LUK 3:3, ACT 13:24,

Baptism for the remission of sins. **MAR 1:4** John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the **baptism of repentance** for the **remission of sins**. *A commitment to serving God through obedience to scriptural principles.*

The concept of washing and cleansing is revealed to be an essential spiritual need as well.

REV 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and **washed** us from our sins in his own blood...

1JOH 1:7: ...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth** us from all sin.

Peter explains the metaphor of washing sin away in real spiritual terms.

An answer of a good conscience. **1PET 3:21** The **like figure** (metaphor... relating to Noah) whereunto even baptism doth also now **save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a **good conscience** toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. *These verses explain the metaphor to give us clarity. The water and cleansing are used to describe salvation by comparing with natural practices.*

HEB 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your **conscience from dead works** to **serve (p/t)** the living God? *An ongoing servitude of repentance and faith.*

TIT 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the **washing of regeneration**, and **renewing** of the **Holy Ghost**.

Living by faith.

Repentance is an ongoing activity... a way of life for all overcoming Christians. **1JOH 1:9** If we **confess (p/t) our sins** (an ongoing lifetime process), **he is (p/t)** faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse us** from all **unrighteousness** (an ongoing lifetime process). *Walking in the spirit is no different than maintaining a marriage relationship.*

We must offer the same to each other.

JOH 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have **washed your feet** (cleansed the feet from the dirt of our daily journey); ye also ought to **wash one another's feet**.

People need to be taught these principles.

MAT 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**: **20** Teaching them to **observe all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

This is where it all begins...

ACT 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized every one of you** in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the **remission of sins** (a permanent choice for a change of life), and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.