

Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

*11:45 - David Britton

*1:00-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings 6:00 - *Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, *Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, *Kelly Hillis

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

Beliefs that Matter, #10 **Bible Baptism**

Introduction:

- There's always been a lot of confusion about Bible baptism. Let's study the Bible today in hopes of clearing up some of that confusion.

I. Baptism is _____ All Sufficient

1. Baptism will not give one the right to live any way he _____ (Rom. 6:6-7,12)
2. Baptism will not keep one from being _____ to sin (Gal. 5:4; 1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6)
3. Baptism will not necessarily remove all the terrible _____ of sin.
4. Baptism will not remove all the _____ we have (2 Tim. 3:12; James 1:2; 2 Cor. 11:23-28).
5. Baptism will not relieve us of further _____ (Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:1; Eph. 2:10; Rev. 14:13).
6. Baptism will not _____ for belief and repentance (Heb. 11:6; John 8:24; Acts 3:19).
7. God will not save anyone against their _____ (Acts 2:41).

II. Baptism is a...Spiritual _____

- Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22; 2 Peter 2:20-22

III. Baptism is a...Spiritual _____

- 1 Corinthians 6:17; Gal. 3:27; Romans 6:3

IV. Baptism is a...Spiritual _____

- Romans 6:3-4

V. Some Questions Answered

- **"Baptism saves us, right? Peter says so..."** (1 Peter 3:21; Heb. 9:22; Romans 6:1-4).
- **"If we are not saved by works or by what we do, why does one have to be baptized to be saved?"** (Joshua 6; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16).
- **"How much do I have to know before I'm baptized?"** (Acts 2:22-24; 38-41; Acts 8:26-40; Acts 16:25-34).
- **"How old should children who believe be before they are baptized?"**
 - The child should be old enough to make an informed decision to confess his/her faith in Christ publicly and be old enough so that they can remember it all their life.
- **"Is baptism just a symbol that represents an outward expression of an inward transaction?"** (Romans 6:3-4).

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1. Baptism **DOES NOT** accomplish all things. Try to remember a few of the things we talked about this morning that baptism will not accomplish.
2. In what sense is baptism a “spiritual washing”? To what does this refer? (Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22)
3. What are the dangers and implications of teaching that “water saves”?
4. What does the Bible spend more time teaching us about: the ceremony of baptism or our relationship with Christ? Why? (Note: This doesn’t imply that the ceremony is unimportant, i.e. marriage relationship/wedding)
5. Why do you **THINK** that the majority of New Testament teaching about baptism is written to people who had already done it? In fact, the only explanation of it is to believers in the epistles, not unsaved people in the book of Acts.
6. Is baptism a work of human effort or an act of trusting faith? Explain the difference. Use Bible verses to support your answer.
7. Baptism is not JUST a symbol. But it is a symbol, what is it a symbol of? How would this help someone understand the true meaning of baptism? (Hint: Romans 6)