

7. **Faith Is Incomplete Without Baptism** James said: (2:18) “*Yea, a man may say, Thou hast _____, and I have _____: show me thy faith _____ thy works, and I will show thee my faith _____ my works.*” Jesus said: (Jn 6:29) “*This is the _____ of _____, that ye _____ whom he hath sent.*” What does that mean? It means we must believe **and obey** the words of Jesus: (Mk 16:16) “*He that _____ and is _____ shall be _____; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*” Why? (Jas 2:17) “*Even so _____, if it hath not _____, is _____, being alone.*” This is a description of passive faith – not active faith. Active faith always prompts obedience (ie: action). Conclusion: Saying “I believe that Jesus has pardoned my sins” doesn’t make it so. “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*”
8. **Repentance Is Incomplete Without Baptism** In (Mt 21) “*the chief _____ and the _____*” questioned the authority of Jesus. He told them this story: (V28-31) “*A certain man had two sons; and he came to the **first**, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, _____: but afterward he _____, and _____. And he came to the **second**, and said likewise. And he answered and said, _____, sir: and _____. Whether of them twain did the will of his father?” Answer: The **first** son who repented and did something— the son who repented and went into the vineyard to work. Conclusion: True repentance involves conviction; it is a change of attitude. (Review Q#3 – Acts 2:38) “*Repent, and be baptized --- for the remission of sins.*” Those claiming salvation before baptism are like the second son.*
9. **Confession Is Incomplete Without Baptism** Many say, “I accept Jesus as my personal Savior and believe that He has pardoned me of all my sins” and do nothing else, thinking that mere words without any action is sufficient, adding, “Thank God, I’m saved!” (Mt 7:21) “*_____ that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, _____ into the kingdom of heaven; but he that _____ the will of my Father which is in heaven.*” Conclusion: Quoting from (Isa 29:13) Jesus said: (Mk 7:6) “*This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*” Salvation by “faith only” is condemned (Jas 2:24) and those claiming salvation before baptism delude themselves.
10. **One Isn’t “In Christ” Without Baptism** No one professing Christianity would ever claim to be saved “out of Christ”. Question: How does one get “into Christ”? In (Gal 3:26) Paul is speaking to NT Christians: “*Ye are all the _____ of _____ by _____ in Christ Jesus.*” He adds: (V27) “*For as many of you as have _____ have put on Christ.*” Baptized into whom? _____ Put on whom? _____ Conclusion: One gets “into” Christ and “put on” Christ in NT baptism. If you haven’t been scripturally baptized you are not “in Christ” and you haven’t “put on” Christ therefore you are yet unsaved.
11. **Preaching Jesus = Preaching Baptism** In the narrative of the Ethiopian’s conversion (Acts 8:26-39) the Bible says (V35) that Philip “*preached unto him _____*”. Now, that’s plain enough. He preached (1 Cor 2:2), “Jesus Christ, and him crucified” and nothing else. The Result: (V36) “*The eunuch said, See, here is _____; what doth hinder me to be _____?*” Conclusion: You can’t preach Jesus without preaching baptism. What happened? (V38) “*They went down both _____, both Philip and the eunuch; and he _____ him.*”
12. **The Urgency Of Baptism** Common sense tells us that it is quite urgent since one’s sins can’t be remitted, blotted out, or washed away until it is done. The Phillipian jailer (Acts 16:22-34) took Paul and Silas (V33) “*the _____ of the _____, and washed their stripes; and was _____, he and all his, _____.*” Conclusion: That’s how important and urgent it is to “put on Christ” in baptism. It is paramount in importance and those who claim salvation before being baptized are not getting their instructions from the Bible.
13. **Have You Been Scripturally Baptized?** Men baptize for various reasons, namely for membership into their church. That’s not the purpose, as we now know. Why not remove all doubts? “*He that believeth and is” scripturally “baptized shall be saved.*”