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RE-BAPTISM

- 1. Definition** The prefix “re” means again or anew. Baptism is immersion or submersion. Re-baptism means being immersed again. We have an example in (Acts 19) when Paul taught the _____ (V4-5) and they “were _____ in the _____ of the Lord Jesus.”
- 2. Why Be Re-baptized?** The Bible is plain (Eph 4:5) in stating that there is but “_____ baptism.” This means there is only one scriptural baptism under the NT because Paul asked (Acts 19:3), “Unto _____ then _____ ye baptized?” They replied, “Unto _____ baptism.” We recommend that you carefully study TPBS Lessons [#333](#) & [#334](#), John the Baptist. John’s baptism served during the Jewish age which expired on Pentecost (Acts 2).
- 3. Why The Ephesians Were Re-baptized** As stated, the baptism of John was good (ie: valid) only until the New Testament Law came into force. John’s baptism prepared obedient believers for this time. Those baptized after Pentecost (Acts 2) were amenable to the baptism of Christ which was (Acts 2:38) “in the _____ Jesus Christ for the _____ of _____.”
- 4. “Can” You Baptize A Cat?** Yes! Baptism is simply immersion. Any liquid element will suffice although water is specified in the Bible. Your editor knows this is possible because he and his brothers baptized puppies and a few kittens in a #3 galvanized washtub as children. Likely we would have baptized more but our mother frowned on this activity. We didn’t understand at the time (Mk 16:15) that “every _____” meant believing humans, not cats.
- 5. “Can” You Baptize An Unbeliever?** Yes! People do many things that God doesn’t approve. It is possible to baptize babies who are unable to believe. One might baptize a drunken man, a naughty boy who complied to win a bet, a group of emotionally overwrought teens, or a mentally retarded person. Remember this rule: **Can** implies ability; **may** implies consent. We can baptize puppies, cats, or unbelieving people but we may not if they are unable to sincerely confess (Acts 8:37), “I _____ that _____ is the Son of _____.”
- 6. What If Someone Is Improperly Baptized?** The (V36-37) Ethiopian “eunuch said, See, _____ is _____; what doth _____ to be baptized? And Philip said, If _____ with _____, thou mayest.” Thou what? _____ This means agreement to the will of Christ. If any person didn’t believe “with all thine heart” then his/her baptism would be invalid. If it is invalid, it was an exercise in futility, serving no useful purpose.
- 7. One Must Approach Baptism Seriously** The *mode* is simple enough: it is immersion in water. The *mood* must be solemn. One must be mentally sincere in believing “that Jesus Christ is the son of God” understanding that baptism is to (Acts 22:16) “wash _____ thy _____.” If an improperly baptized person realizes that their first immersion didn’t meet these scriptural requirements it is imperative that they now receive scriptural NT baptism.

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