

4. Burial with Christ

1. What is your story?
 - a. Have you ever received the forgiveness of your sins (the promise of salvation)?
 - b. If so, when?
 - c. How?
 - d. What did you say or do to go from a guilty state to a forgiven state?
 - e. Have you ever been baptized?
 - f. If so, when (before, during, or after forgiveness)?
 - g. How?
 - h. Why?
2. Hebrews 2:1-4
It is possible to do what with God's offer of salvation?

What will you do with the salvation God has offered to you?

On whose conditions will you do so?
3. Matthew 10:32-39
Are you willing to acknowledge and confess your belief in Jesus Christ before others?

What could stop you at this point in your life from following Jesus?

Does Jesus have your top priority and total commitment?
4. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
What does God want to do for you?

Must your sinful life be in the past for this to happen?

Picture the cross of Christ. What personal sins would you like to see on Jesus' cross?
5. Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:3; Colossians 1:13-14; 2 Timothy 2:10
What are some blessings that are found exclusively in Christ?

Where must you be if you desire these blessings?
6. Galatians 3:26-27
When does God place someone into Christ?

Should you expect to be in Christ if you have never taken this step?
7. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
How does the Bible describe the gospel ("good news") of Christ?
8. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
What must we obey if we want to receive salvation when Christ returns?
9. Romans 6:1-7
What must you do in order to obey the gospel and be recognized with Christ concerning His...
 - a. Death (v. 2):
 - b. Burial (v. 4a):
 - c. Resurrection (v. 4b):
When does someone contact the death of Jesus' death?

By this description of baptism, what is the proper method of water baptism?
10. Colossians 2:9-14
Who is working/operating in the person's faith when he or she is baptized?

What does God do with a person's old life when he or she is buried in baptism?

Therefore, is the person who has not been buried and raised with Him in baptism still dead in sin?
11. John 3:3-5
In order to enter God's kingdom, one has to do what?

Does this happen automatically, or is it a conscious decision one has to make?

Can this happen without water?

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12. Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23, 30
Of which people is Christ the Savior?
- Will God judge people by different standards on the judgment day?
- Do you want to be a part of this group?
13. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
When does God add someone to the body/church of Christ?
14. Acts 2:38
What must a person do prior to baptism?
- How did Romans 6 describe this act (cf. question 9)?
- According to the Bible, baptism is for what reason?
15. Ephesians 4:4-6
How many baptisms does God now accept?
- How is that baptism described in the Bible?
- If someone else performs a "different" baptism, is it actually the one baptism?
16. Acts 19:3-5
Had these people been baptized before?
- Is there any reason to doubt they were sincere in their first baptism?
- What was lacking at their first baptism that disqualified it from being the one baptism?
- What did they do when they realized that their first baptism was not exactly what Jesus had commanded?
- When did they do so?
- According to the Bible, baptism is for what reason (cf. question 14)?
- Have you been baptized for the same reason (cf. questions 1h)?
17. Romans 2:11
Compare your history with salvation (cf. question 1) with what we have seen from the Bible in this study.
- Are they the same or different? How do you feel about that?
- Have you done what God commands regarding baptism?
18. 1 Peter 3:20-21
What does God do for the person who submits to God in baptism?
- Through what historical event does God do this?
- What is God able to do for the person's conscience when he or she submits to God in baptism?
- Would you like God to do these things for you today?
19. 1 Peter 5:8
Who is your adversary?
- What decision does he want you to make?
20. Acts 8:35-38; 22:16
When nothing hinders someone from being baptized, what should that person do?
- What does God do for the one who is baptized into Christ?
- If you have not obeyed God in biblical baptism, what prevents you from doing so today?
- Conclusion**
1. What does it mean to repent?
 2. Have you done so?
 3. What is involved in the commitment of Christian living?
 4. Once you are in Christ, what will be your responsibilities towards your brothers and sisters as a child of God?
 5. Do you plan to be an active member of the body of Christ once you are baptized into His body?
 6. Once you are in Christ, what will be your responsibilities towards Jesus Christ?
 7. Are you ready to make that commitment through your death to sin, burial in baptism, and resurrection to a new life?