



Dear Brother Faull,

I have grandparents who were never baptized. I know they were saved and I will see them in Heaven. The Thief on the cross was not baptized.

Answer:

Go to this website, www.summit1.edu, and listen to the sermon on "Why the Thief on the Cross was Saved". He was pardoned under the old covenant. Listen with an open mind to this sermon.

SOME QUESTIONS:

Can a person be saved without:

- × The remission of sins? **Acts 2:38**
- × The Holy Spirit? **Acts 2:38, 5:32**
- × Being saved? **Mark 16:16**
- × Their sins washed away? **Acts 22:16**
- × Being in Christ? **Galatians 3:27**
- × Being raised with Christ? **Romans 6:2-4**
- × A good conscience? **I Peter 3:21**
- × Obeying the Gospel? **II Thessalonians 1:8**
- × Being obedient from the heart to the Gospel in the dramatization of Christ's death, burial and resurrection? **Romans 6:17-18**
- × Being born of the water and the Spirit? **John 3:5, Titus 3:5**

When I get to Heaven I cannot say that I did not preach baptism is essential to salvation because I had a friend whose loved ones were not baptized and he guarantees me they were saved.

I must preach what the Word says. I am not a judge. I am a faithful preacher of the things that Jesus commanded and promised. I set myself up a judge if I promise salvation to anyone who did not obey Jesus.

Those who refuse to be baptized of John were said to have "rejected the counsel of God against themselves,

being not baptized of John." Those who obeyed it justified God. **Luke 7:29-30**

I cannot be one of those religious leaders who judge by appearances, for many call Him Lord and do wonderful works in His name, but are not allowed in. This applies to people who have been baptized as well. It is not the hearer, but the doer. Remember **Matthew 7:21-29**.

It is impossible for God to lie. He says the words that He spoke will judge in that day. What it says now, it will say then. I have grandparents, too, who never obeyed and they have no promise of salvation.

Let God be true and every man a liar. To that I have to sorrowfully say, "Amen", even though I know it is right. My thoughts are not His thoughts.

God bless you, brother, as you think about these thoughts.

I love you in the Lord.