



*"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."*

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### **Is Baptism Necessary?**

Is it necessary to **WHAT?**

Many churches believe it is necessary to be a member of their church but not to be saved. In other words, you have to do more to get into their church than you do Heaven.

Some believe it is necessary for parents to baptize their babies for the baby to go to Heaven. Pity the poor child that has unloving, careless, or ignorant parents.

Some believe it is necessary for parents to baptize their babies to keep the child from going into limbo, what ever that is.

Many churches believe it is necessary but not essential. What? Say that again! I thought those two words were synonymous. Evidently not but when I looked up the word "essential", the first definition was "absolutely necessary". When I look up "necessary," the first definition was "being essential". I guess words do not mean anything if it's a religious discussion.

Some people say it is necessary to be baptized to obey Jesus but not to be saved. Does that mean we do not have to obey Jesus to be saved?

Some say it is not all that important. Yet Jesus walked over 60 miles to be baptized of John to fulfil all righteousness, and He was not even a sinner.

Those who obeyed John's baptism were said to have justified God and those who did not were said to have rejected the counsel of God against themselves. **Luke 7:29-30**

As for me personally, I believe what Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This agrees with what He also said, "Except a man be born of the water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

### **Is Baptism Necessary?**

I guess it all depends if you believe your church or what Jesus says. I'd trust Jesus if I were you.

He is the one with the authority. He is Lord and He says "The words that I speak unto you will judge you in the last day."

In that day, it will not be your preacher sitting on the throne.