

What
Must I Do
To Be
Saved?

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Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30 – “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.”

Confess Jesus as Lord and Christ – Romans 10:10 – “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Be baptized (immersed in water) – Acts 2:38 – “Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.”

Continue to be faithful – Revelation 2:10 – “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”



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Must

Be Baptized

A Disputed Step

The mode of baptism?

- “Baptize” – a transliteration of Greek word.
- Translation – Existing word used.
- Transliteration – A new word coined.
- *Baptizo* – “to dip, submerge, immerse, overwhelm.” In salvation: “to immerse in water.”

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“eis” (for)

always looks forward – “unto, into, toward”

never looks backward – “because of”

Mat. 26:28 – “for the remission of sins”

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A Disputed Step

Why do some say eis means “because of”?

“For’ (as used in Acts 2:38) could have two meanings. If you saw a poster saying, ‘Jesse James wanted for robbery’, ‘for’ could mean Jesse is wanted so he can commit a robbery, or is wanted because he has committed a robbery. The latter sense is the correct one. So too in this passage, the word ‘for’ signifies an action in the past. Otherwise, it would violate the entire tenor of the NT teaching on salvation by grace and not by works.”

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#1 – Luke didn’t write “for,” he wrote “eis.”

Luke would never write,
“Jesse James wanted *eis* murder.”

Luke would write,
“Jesse James wanted *hoti* murder.”

Note 1 John 3:11-12.

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#1 – Luke didn’t write “for,” he wrote “eis.”

#2 – An academically dishonest argument.

The definition doesn’t fit my preconceived notion that salvation is by “faith only,” so I’ll define the word in a way that does.

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Not the removal of filth of flesh, but the removal of
filth of soul due to sin.

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“An outward sign of an inward grace”?!?!?!

“Baptism initiates supernatural victory”?!?!?!



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Why this curious act?

Romans 6:3-6

- Baptism unites us with Christ as we undergo a likeness of His death.
- Jesus had to die to be our Savior – Heb. 5:8-9.
- We must die with Him for Jesus to be our Savior.
- We die with Jesus in baptism – Rom. 6:8.

We are buried with Him, and rise to a new life!

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