



The Purpose Of Baptism

- Saves Us: 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16
- Remission Of Sins: Acts 2:38
- Washes Away Our Sins: Acts 22:16
- Contact Jesus' Death: Romans 6:3-4
- Places Us In Christ: Galatians 3:27
- Put Us In His Church: 1 Corinthians 12:13

Is This All Nullified By The Example Of The Thief On The Cross?



What Can We Learn About This Thief?

Luke 23:39-41

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

He Feared God

He Took Responsibility

He Knew
Jesus Was
Innocent



What Can We Learn About This Thief?

Luke 23:42-43

Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

He Believed Jesus Cared

He Believed Death Was Not The End

He Believed Jesus Was The King

He Experienced Jesus' Assurance, Compassion, & Grace



Mark 1:4-5

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.



John 4:1

Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John



Luke 9:1-2

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.



Luke 10:1ff

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.



Was He Required To Be Baptized?

He Lived & Died Under The Old Covenant

Hebrews 9:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1-2

Jesus Had Power On Earth To Forgive Sins

Mark 2:10; Luke 7:36-50; 18:18-23



The Thief On The Cross

Is Your Faith In Jesus Or In The Thief On The Cross?