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“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

John 12:32

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**’” **Acts 2:37-38.**



“The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.” **Luke 9:22**

“But There’s Only 1 Verse”

1. **There’s only 1 verse** that commands baptism
“for the remission of sins”
2. **There’s only 1 verse** that teaches a thief on a
cross was saved Luke 23:43;
3. **There’s only 1** verse that teaches Christians
should give on “the first day of the week”
1 Corinthians 16:2;

**But NO preacher needs more
than 1 verse to teach #2 & #3!**



What **Acts 2** Says About “Baptism”

1. Jesus Christ Was Preached Before Faith comes
first **Romans 10:17**
2. Repentance Was Commanded **Luke 24:47**;
Acts 17:30
3. Baptism Called Upon His Name
Acts 2:21 (“**Joel 2:32**”);
Acts 22:16; **1 Timothy 1:15-16**
4. Remission of Sins Is The Result
Matthew 26:28
5. Gift of The Holy Spirit Offered
Acts 2:43; **Acts 8:12-18**



God Has Used Water For Cleansing:

1. Noah's Flood - New World

Genesis 6:1 - 9:19; 1 Peter 3:18 - 21

2. The Red Sea - New People **Exodus 12 - 15;**
1 Corinthians 10:1 - 4

3. Levitical Priests - New Service

Exodus 29:4 - 5; Galatians 3:26 - 27



Objections

1. *“Must Be Baptised Like Jesus”*

- a. Jesus was the exception **Matthew 3:5 - 6, 15**
- b. NO ONE ELSE is sinless before baptism **1 John 1:8, 10**

2. *Cannot “obey God” and NOT know it’s “for the remission of sins”*

- a. Noah knew **Hebrews 11:7**
- b. Israelites knew **Hebrews 11:29**
- c. Priests knew why they washed;
- d. Jews **Acts 2:38** & Gentiles **Acts 10:43, 48**



Objections (continued)...

3. “Baptism Has Nothing Whatever to do with Salvation”

- a. Then, why did Jesus exempt Himself from its purpose?
- b. Why did Peter say it did? **1 Peter 3:21**
- c. Why does the Devil attack it so?

**Since Jesus Gave The Rule Mark 16:15-16;
What Exception Can Any “Creature” Be?**



For Baptism To Work...

Faith Must Be In God's Power To Save...
NOT In A Physical BATH! **Colossians 2:12**

The Inward Cleansing Occurs At That Time
Romans 6:4-5

**There is NO OTHER WAY
for a Sinner to Obey Jesus
Christ Today**

