

I Peter 3: 18-22

SUBJECT: The meaning
of Baptism

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II. The Strange Passage that Follows
 The resurrection X - a future baptism
 - the air with the water
 - wind swept

The strange, unusual ordinance
 John 1:19-27 the committee from Jerusalem
 fit him as man very fast another man, would he

The strange pronunciation
 saved by water
 original and words any of words
 nobody changed....

III. Our Salvation By The Ark - Jesus 3:20 and...
 1. The waters of judgment become us
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Amos 5:27
 Jesus Matt 2:23-27
 Paul II Thes. 1:7, 8
 John Rev. 6:16, 17

2. Our only hope - Jesus, the Lord

3. The flow of water then returns, flood passed from
 the old world, judgment, death to the new world (2nd),
 baptism, again, same in type in water, baptism.
 The water in the pool = the water of the flood, and
 the Noah, passed over water / death to new life, hope - 8

John speak, a spiritual reality: last state of Jesus,
 water, the parenthesis 7:27 'nd -- ' water only makes 4
 this last def. The spiritual reality embodied
 anti-delusion had in 2nd, judgment
 the Noah, the new rose again to a new baptism
 so the believe, dead, resurrection

IV of We Review the Truths

1. Confirmed by the World / 1st
6. the bones, Volume 7: 23
4. Jig saw puzzle. Every piece has
6. truth in jig trial; every little detail fits

2. Confirmed by the study of the Holy Spirit
A 24 8:26 Faith to Stage.
: 29 Earnest want to be baptized
: 36

3. Confirmed by reference (see list
24 8:39 read in my notes)

Baptist Beliefs

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An Abused Verse

→ "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us."—1 Peter 3:21a

This is a favorite proof text of those who believe that baptism is necessary for salvation. But the Greek text speaks otherwise.

In verse 20 Peter uses the example of Noah and his family being saved "by water" (KJV). But "by" translates *dia*, "through." They were not saved by being in the water. They were saved **through** the **flood** by being in the **ark**, a type of Christ. The water was not a means of salvation. It was God's punishment upon a hopelessly sinful people.

Peter calls the experience of Noah and

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his family a "like figure" (antitype, anti-type) of our salvation, namely "baptism." The New Testament has two nouns (substantives) for baptism. **Baptismos** is used for the act of being immersed, such as Jewish ceremonial ablutions. One time it is used of washing dishes by putting them under the water (Mark 7:4). But it is never used of Christian baptism. **Baptisma**, used of Christian baptism, denotes the **meaning** in the act of being baptized. It symbolizes what Jesus Christ did to provide salvation: death, burial, resurrection. Also it symbolizes what He does in us when we receive Him as Savior: death to the old life, its burial, and our rising to a new life in Him. Thus baptism is a **symbol**, not a **sacrament**.

Of special interest is the fact that **baptisma** is not found in Greek literature except in the New Testament and later Christian literature. Apparently the Holy Spirit coined this word to express the meaning in Christian baptism.