

# The Doctrine of Baptism - Part 3

**TITLE : " What doth hinder me to be Baptized ? "**



**Text: Acts 8:36-37 NIV:**

36As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

37And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

# I. Baptism Question:

## Note:

The following questions should be answered solely based on the **Word of God**. Human opinions and church creeds do not provide any authority in such crucial matters of doctrine and church life.

1. Is it necessary to take classes on Christian concepts in order to qualify for baptism?
2. Is it necessary to wait a predetermined amount of time (to be placed under examination) after having accepted Christ in order to be baptized?
3. Is it necessary to consult with a governing body (i.e., elders or deacons) prior to baptizing a candidate?

**In answering these key questions, ( Yes / NO)  
consider the following scriptural passages:**

**Acts: 2:1 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 2: 38 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 2:41 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts: 8:4-5 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts: 8:12 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 9:9-18 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 10:46-48 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 16:14-15 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 16:27-33 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 18:1-9 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 19:1-6 NIV: \_\_\_\_\_**



## **II. Conclusion: What is God's answers to these important questions?**

**Why does God's answers differ so much from man's?**

**Consider:**

**Mt. 15:1-9 NIV:**

### **Defilement Comes from Within**

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked,

<sup>2</sup>"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

<sup>4</sup>For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.'

<sup>5</sup>But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,'

<sup>6</sup>they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

<sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

<sup>8</sup>"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>9</sup>They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

**" Beware of the traditions and commandments of Men" !**

**What is the ONLY requirement of baptism candidates:**

**Acts 8:37 NIV:**

**37 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.**



# How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



## How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven !

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

Rev. Jesus Del Rio, Ed

