

Speaking Truth In Love

The definition of the Bible word “baptize” (Greek: *baptizo*) is “to dip...to immerse, to submerge” (Thayer). This definition is proper in view of what God has revealed on the subject of baptism (cf., Rom 6:3-5; Col 2:12). It is plainly described it as a *death* to sin, a *burial*, and a *resurrection* to a new life in Christ Jesus.

Infant sprinkling is based on the notion that babies are born with sin, and the application of water upon them is the rite by which they are supposedly regenerated. But the Bible teaches that sin is one’s personal transgression of God’s law (1 John 3:4), and the guilt of sin is not a condition that is inherited (Ezek 18:20).

Applying water to infants does not qualify as Bible baptism, nor will they be regenerated in this manner. Neither baptism alone, nor faith alone will cause one to be born again (John 3:3-5). The Bible teaches that every person must have faith in the Jesus of the gospels, a desire to turn and obey Him, and to make an open pronouncement of faith in Him. Baptism (immersion in water) is the final act of a spiritual “new birth,” which changes one’s relationship to Christ, removing one from the “power of darkness” and conveying him “into the kingdom” of God’s dear Son (Col 1:13-14; see also Rom 6:3-5; Col 2:12-13; Acts 2:22-38, 41, 47; 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 2:13-16). Do you need to be scripturally baptized?

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