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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Can Baptism Save

Gospel salvation commands sinners to,

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (**Acts 2:38**)

Some people will say almost anything to keep you from being baptized like that. But what about John the Baptist's baptism? Paul explained:

John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (**Acts 19:4**)

Jesus asked the question:

"The baptism of John -- was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me." (**Mark 11:30**)

If John's water baptism was "for the remission of sins," how say some that "baptism cannot save at all?" If John's water baptism was authorized by God, how say some that "water baptism is of the Devil?" As Jesus said, "answer me!"

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Love and Baptism

And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. (**1 John 3:23**)

"Love one another" is about the only statement some people think is in the Bible! They then object to any other "commandment" as "legalism," not to be obeyed. John said God gave the "commandment" to "love one another." Was God commanding "legalism?" Jesus said,

"That the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do." (**John 14:31**)

Was Jesus a "legalist" because He kept God's "commandment" to "love?" Was Peter a "legalist" when he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord (**Acts 10:48**)? Why is keeping the commandments of God "legalism," but not keeping the command to love?

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**Grace and Baptism**

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (**John 1:17**)

[The Child Jesus] grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. (**Luke 2:40**)

Paul felt that what he "received from the Lord Jesus, [was] to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (**Acts 20:24**). That "gospel" said,

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (**Ephesians 1:7**)

Jesus offered His blood in his death, and the only way sinners enter His death is through baptism!

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (**Romans 6:3**)

Baptism into His death brings salvation by God's grace. If not, why not?

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The Work of Faith

[Jesus said,] "the Scripture cannot be broken." (**John 10:35**)

"Broken" means to "nullify, undo, or deprive of authority." The Bible does not contradict itself, and one command is not cancelled out by other commands. "Faith" is commanded when the Bible says,

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith. (**1 Timothy 1:5**)

But "faith" is a "work."

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (**John 6:28-29**)

No Scripture dealing with "works" would cancel out obeying the command to work at faith! Jesus said,

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**)

No contradiction here!

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A Capella Music

Why, for hundreds of years after the Apostles, no Christians used mechanical instruments of music in their worship? Their song worship found them:

... Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. (**Ephesians 5:19**)

The "melody" was to come from their heart, through their singing, not an external instrument! Before the Catholic Church justified external instruments, the music of Christians in worship was known as "a capella," a phrase meaning "according to the church," and referring to singing without any additional instrumental accompaniment! Worship in the churches of Christ involves heartfelt music that teaches "one another," not heavy, overwhelming instrumentation that entertains! Corruption of worship caused God to say:

"Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments." (**Amos 5:23**)

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