

Does Peter Say We Need to Be Baptized to Be Saved?

1. *The Bible Clearly Teaches that Belief _____ in the Promise of God Is Required for Salvation*

a. _____ (Abraham) Believed God for Righteousness

Gen 15:3-6 ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he **believed** in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Rom 4:2-5 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham **believed** God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but **believes** on Him who justifies the ungodly, his **faith (belief)** is accounted for righteousness,

b. _____ Taught that Belief Alone Saves

John 3:16,18 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁸ He who **believes** in Him is not condemned; but he who does not **believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 "He who **believes** in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not **believe** the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and **believes** in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (cf. John 11:25-26)

c. _____ Taught that Belief Alone Saves

John 20:31 but these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **believing** you may have life in His name.

1 John 5:1 Whoever **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...

d. _____ Taught that Belief Alone Saves

Acts 10:43 "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever **believes** in Him will receive remission of sins."

e. _____ Taught that Belief Alone Saves

Acts 16:30-31 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who **believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Rom 3:21-22 (21-31) But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through **faith (belief)** in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who **believe**.

1 Cor 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who **believe**.

Gal 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by **faith (belief)** in Jesus Christ, even we have **believed** in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by **faith (belief)** in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

1 Tim 1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to **believe** on Him for everlasting life.

Whatever Peter is saying, it cannot conflict with salvation by belief alone.

2. *Do Any _____ Passages Suggest that Baptism Is Required for Salvation?*

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 22:16 "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

*Because of all other clear statements, this must be understood as baptism being the outward sign of what has already happened. As we have shown, Saul (Paul) **always** teaches elsewhere that salvation is by belief in God's promises alone. Saul's baptism, then, was a public display of his belief in Jesus as his Savior.*

3. *The Bible Clearly Teaches that Baptism Is Practiced _____ One Believes and Is Saved*

Acts 8:12 But when they **believed** Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were **baptized**.

Acts 8:13 Then Simon himself also **believed**; and when he was **baptized** he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 16:30-34 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were **baptized**. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, **having believed** in God with all his household.

Acts 18:8 Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, **believed** on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, **believed** and were **baptized**.

4. *What Does Peter's Statement to Be Baptized _____ the Remission of Sins Mean?*

Matt 12:41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented **AT (εἰς – eis – BECAUSE OF)** the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **FOR (εἰς – eis – BECAUSE OF)** the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

SUMMARY:

**We are to be baptized _____ we believe to show _____ we believe.
Are you a believer? Have you been baptized to tell others?**