

INTERPRETING 7 MISUSED PASSAGES ABOUT WATER BAPTISM Pt. 2

II. SEVEN MISUSED PASSAGES ON 'WATER BAPTISM' EXAMINED

A. MARK 16:16

B. JOHN 3:5

C. ACTS 2:38

D. 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.'*

1. Context – generally & specifically?

2. Content?

- In various translations:
- “Arise and be baptized”
- “and wash away your sins”
- “calling on the name of the Lord”
- Was Saul already a believer in Jesus Christ BEFORE this verse?

3. Compare Scripture with Scripture?

4. Conclude: The word “baptism” is referring to _____ baptism which _____ illustrates the washing away of one’s sins.

E. Titus 3:5 - *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*

1. Context - generally & specifically?

2. Content?

- Various translations:
- “He saved us” not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy”
- “by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit”

3. Compare Scripture with Scripture?

4. Conclude: The “washing of regeneration” has _____ to do with water baptism but is referring to the washing away of one’s sins when he/she is _____ or born again.

F. 1 Peter 3:21 *There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

1. Context - generally & specifically?

2. Content?

- “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism”
- “(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer
- of a good conscience toward God”

3. Compare Scripture with Scripture?

4. Conclude: This verse is referring to _____ baptism which acts as a _____ of washing away of one’s sins at salvation and is a _____ of having a _____ toward God because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

G. Luke 18:15 *Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."*

1. Context – generally & specifically?

2. Content?

- “for of such is the kingdom of God”
- “receive the kingdom of God as a little child”
- “will by no means enter it”

3. Compare Scripture with Scripture?

4. Conclude: This verse nowhere teaches _____ baptism but indicates that one becomes a child of God through simple _____ in Jesus Christ.