

Acts 22:6-16

Understanding Baptism Part II

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III***

**-A concise history of baptism
among God's people**

**-Paedobaptism/infant baptism
vs credo-baptism/believer's
baptism**

**-Modes of baptism (immersion,
pouring, sprinkling)**

-Agents of baptism (Who administers baptism?)

**-A Concise History of Baptism
among God's People**

-[1Sa 15:22 ESV] 22 And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

**-[Isa 29:13-14 ESV] 13 And the Lord said:
"Because this people draw near with
their mouth and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me, and
their fear of me is a commandment
taught by men, 14 therefore, behold, I
will again do wonderful things with this
people, with wonder upon wonder; and
the wisdom of their wise men shall
perish, and the discernment of their
discerning men shall be hidden."**

-Deuteronomy 4:7-8 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

**-[Isa 40:3 ESV] 3 A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the
way of the LORD; make
straight in the desert a
highway for our God."**

-Luke 20:3-6 (ESV) 3 He answered them, “I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, 4 was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?” 5 And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ 6 But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”

-[Jhn 3:22, 25-26 ESV] 22 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and *was baptizing*. ... 25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness--look, *he is baptizing*, and all are going to him."

**-[Jhn 4:1 ESV] 1 Now when
Jesus learned that the
Pharisees had heard that
Jesus was making and
baptizing more disciples than
John...**

-[Mat 28:18-20 ESV] 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

-Tertullian *On Baptism*

-Paedobaptism had actually arisen for the same reason Tertullian's position had arisen: an unbiblical view of the connection between salvation and baptism.

-The sacral state

**-The assumption of continuity
from the Old Covenant to the
New Covenant.**

-An argument from silence.

-Hebrews 8:13 (ESV) In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

-Covenant community

-Genesis 12-17

-1 Corinthians 7:14 (ESV) For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

-1 John 2:19 (ESV) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

-Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV) 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

-How did anyone enter into either covenant community?

-John 3:3 (ESV) Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

-Hebrews 8:13 (ESV) In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

-Acts 15:7-11 (ESV) 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

-Acts 21:21 (ESV) and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.

**-The “household baptisms” of
Acts 16 and 1 Corinthians 1.**

-Acts 16:14-15 (ESV) 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

-Acts 16:30-34 (ESV) 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And 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 wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

-Acts 16:34 (ESV) ...And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

**-Acts 16:34 (NASB) ...and
rejoiced greatly, having
believed in God with his whole
household.**

-Acts 16:34 (NKJV) ...and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

-Galatians 3:19 (ESV) Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made...

-Galatians 3:23-27 (ESV) 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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