

# One Baptism

## *Light & Darkness*

OPENING QUESTION: How does someone become a Christian/disciple of Jesus?

**1 Peter 2:9-10**      *Light & Darkness*

What describes a person in darkness? (Not a people of God, no mercy)

What describes a person in the light? (people of God, received mercy)

Everyone is either in the darkness or the light, there is NO gray area. How does one go from darkness to light? Let's study it out:

### PART I: DARKNESS

**Isaiah 59:1-2, 9-10**      *Sin separates one from God*

What does sin do? (Use example of wall – see **v. 10**)

What needs to happen in order for someone to be with God?

At what point in time is a person saved?

**Galatians 5:19-21**      *Examples of Sin*

What are the consequences of living a life of sin?

Which sins are separating you from God?

Any specific situations you need prayer and help to overcome?

Confession and prayer can lead to healing (See **James 5:16**).

**Romans 5:6-10**      *All have sinned*

Who has sinned? (All – See **Romans 3:23**)

What does our sin cause us to be? (Helpless, sinners, enemies of God)

Did Jesus die for us because we deserved it or because we needed it?

How can we become righteous and reconciled? (Through his blood and his death!)

## PART II: LIGHT

### **Acts 2:36-41**                      *Repentance & Baptism*

Peter preached the first gospel sermon ever, let's look at the response: What should one do once they have **faith** and conviction ("cut to the heart") about Jesus, the Son of God, being crucified? What do we receive after repenting and being baptized? The forgiveness of sins (which takes care of our past).  
The gift of the Holy Spirit (which guarantees our future).

### **2 Corinthians 7:8-11**                      *Definition of Repentance*

Worldly sorrow = "Sorry you got caught." Godly sorrow = "Sorry you did it."  
Do you understand what repentance means? (Change of mind → Change of action)  
What does repentance lead to? What are the characteristics of repentance?

### **Romans 6:1-5**                      *Definition of Baptism*

What is baptism? (Greek word *baptizó* = immersion, plunge, dip)  
Baptism is the burial of your old life of sin and the beginning of your new life in Christ. (sprinkling or pouring would not be a burial, only an immersion/submersion is)  
Immersion in water in the name of Jesus is the One Baptism, a participation in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ! Let's look at an example of conversion:

### **Acts 22:1-16**                      *Conversion: Faith, Repentance, & Baptism*

Saul *believed* in Jesus after seeing him on the road.  
Saul *repented* - he spent three days fasting and praying (See **Acts 9:9-11**).  
He called on the name of the Lord, and was *baptized* to have his sins washed away.  
The same question is being asked of you: "What are you waiting for?"

### **Personal Decisions:**

Where are you right now: in the light or in the darkness?  
Do you see how the Scriptures show that faith, followed by repentance and baptism are all necessary for salvation? Do you believe the gospel? Have you repented and begun living like a disciple of Jesus? Are you ready to make Jesus Lord of your life and be baptized into Christ?

**Suggestions:** Choose a day for prayer and fasting; Choose a date/time to be baptized!  
Additional verses to consider if doubts remain: *2 Kings 5:1-19, Galatians 3:26-27, Colossians 2:9-14, 1 Peter 3:18-22*