

WILL ONLY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BE SAVED?

- 1) Before we answer a question, what do we need to do?
 - 2) When does a new life begin for a sinner?
 - 3) According to the Bible, did anyone ever have to be re-baptized?
 - 4) Why do people usually take baths?
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- 5) What can saved people be called as a group?
- 6) In the NT, what was the Lord's church called – most of the time?
- 7) If the Lord did not build a house, what do we do if we persist in trying to build it?

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“SAVED”

Matthew 1:21

21 "And [Mary] will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Ezekiel 18:20

20 "The soul who **sins** shall die. ...

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of **sin** is death ...

MUCH AGREEMENT:

- 1) A person must do something toward his own salvation.
- 2) Much agreement on what one must do.

MANY AGREE:

- 1) Faith (Acts 16:31)
- 2) Repent (Acts 17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ (Rom 10:10)
- 4) Be baptized (Acts 22:16)
- 5) Attend worship (Heb 10:25)
- 6) Study the Bible (1 Tim 4:13)
- 7) Live good moral life (1 Cor 6:9-10)
- 8) Grow spiritually (2 Pet 3:18)

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- 1) When is a person regarded as saved from sins?
 - 2) When is a person "born again"?
 - 3) When is one "translated into the kingdom of God's dear son?"
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Galatians 3:27

27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

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Acts 2:41

41 Then those who gladly received his word were **baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were **added to them.**

THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE:

- **Belief** -- *the starting point*
- **Repentance & confession** -- *moves one closer*
- **Baptism** -- *the final act that puts one "into Christ"*

“I’VE ALREADY BEEN BAPTIZED!”

Acts 19:1-6

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

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Acts 19:1-6

4 Then Paul said, "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."

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

SAVED BEFORE BAPTISM?

Many are taught ↘

Faith + prayer = Saved + baptized
(No scripture)

Bible ↘

Faith + baptism = Saved
(Mk 16:16)

BAPTIZED LIKE JESUS?

- Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.
 - John's baptism is no longer valid. (Acts 19:1-5)
 - John's baptism was replaced by another baptism.
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ONLY ONE CORRECT BAPTISM

Ephesians 4:4-5

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism;**

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Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

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

ONLY ONE CORRECT BAPTISM

1 Peter 3:20-21

20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, **eight souls, were saved through water.**

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,

ONLY ONE CORRECT BAPTISM

ILL: Why does someone take a bath?

- Already clean?
- In order to get clean?

A GROUP OF “SAVED” PEOPLE

Group of 50 people:

- Believed
- Repented
- Confessed
- Baptized

What can we call them as a group?

“THE SAVED”

Mark 16:16

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

“THE BODY”

1 Corinthians 12:13

13 For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body;** whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

“THE CHURCH”

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to **the church,**

23 **which is His body,** the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

“THE KINGDOM”

Matthew 16:18-19

18 "... on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 "And I will give you the keys of **the kingdom of heaven**

...

“THE HOUSE”

1 Timothy 3:15

15 but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in **the house of God**, which is **the church** of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

SUMMARY

What can I call a group of 50 saved people?

“The Saved”

“The Body”

“The Church”

“The Kingdom”

“The House”

THE LORD ADDS TO THE CHURCH:

Acts 2

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand souls were added to them.**

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church** daily those who were being saved.

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Church**

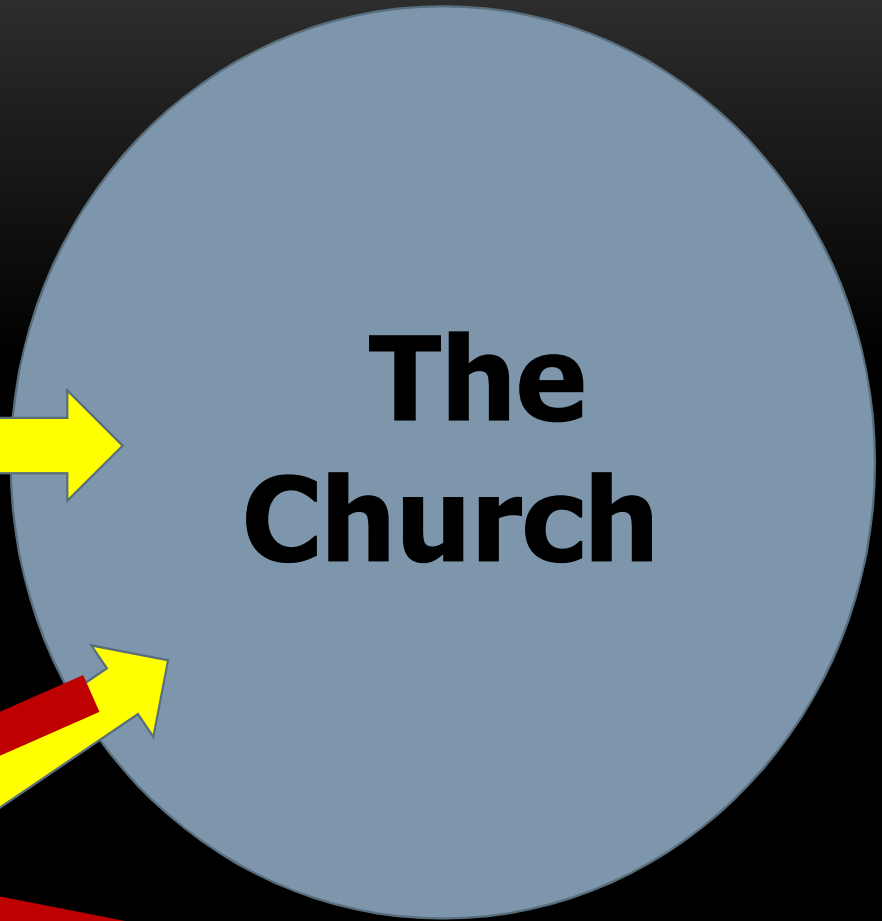
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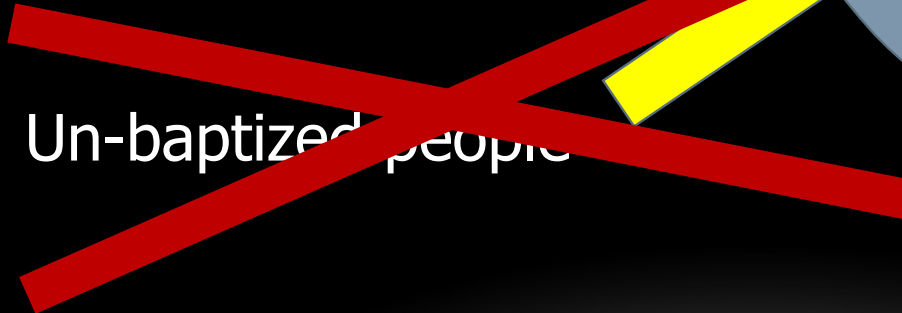
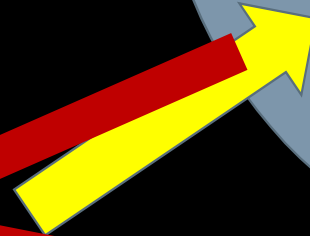
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What is the church?

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The Church
God's saved
people

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ILL: “The church of Christ”

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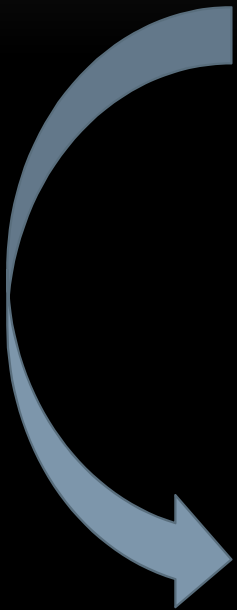
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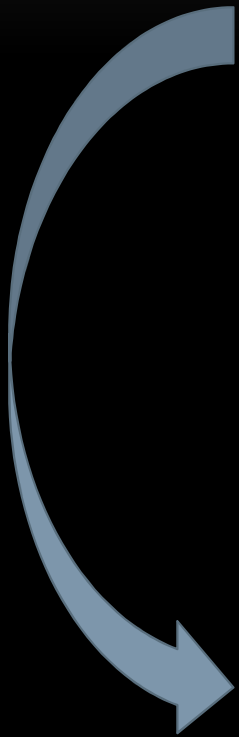
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CONCLUSION

Psalms 127:1

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.