

BAPTISM, TWO LITTLE BOYS

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A young mother was looking out her kitchen window after a hardy rainstorm had filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys. She watched her two little boys playing in the puddle. The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his little brother by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole. As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother runs to the two boys in a panic.

“Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?”, she asks as she shook the older boy in anger.

“We were just playing 'church' mommy”, he said. “And I was just baptizing him.....in the name of the Father, the Son and in the hole-he-goes.”

This might seem like a funny to some, and it is. However, **“Water Baptism” is not a funny matter.** It is a very serious matter to honor Jesus Christ, by accepting Him as one’s Savior and Making Him Lord (Master) of one’s life.

There are many Bible students that make light of baptism and say that it is not necessary to be saved. However, **the Bible teaches** that the event of baptism is where the sinner contacts the blood of Christ and is saved, **if** accompanied by sincere faith, repentance, verbal confession of Jesus as Lord, and then the event is to be followed by faithfulness to Christ and be active in His Church.

Plainly, don’t get short changed. Let’s be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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