

“WHEN SHALL I BAPTIZE MY BABY?”

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I. WHEN MY BABY SINS
A. EZEK. 18:20; MT. 18:3; ACTS 22:16

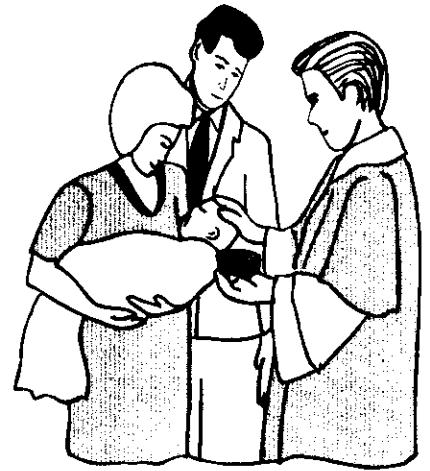
II. WHEN MY BABY BELIEVES
A. MARK 16:16

III. WHEN MY BABY REPENTS
A. ACTS 2:38; 17:30

IV. WHEN MY BABY CONFESSES FAITH
A. ACTS 8:37

V. WHEN BABY IS A DISCIPLE
A. MT. 28:19
B. ACTS 11:26

VI. WHEN MY BABY IS FAITHFUL
A. ACTS 14:22



There have been many people, including myself, who have been baptized because it was the will of a parent. In fact, at an age prior to Junior High I was told that I was going to be baptized by a visiting minister in a short while. At the minister's visit to our church I stood in a circle with several others and had my head sprinkled with water. During my teenage years I did not demonstrate any Christian attributes.

When I was age twenty-four, my wife and I began attending a non-denominational Christian Church and were taught that Bible Baptism was an immersion of a person old enough to be a believer in Jesus. Thus, on August 25, 1963 she and I were baptized the Bible way (Immersion of a repentant believer) and have been striving to live a Christian life and waiting on Jesus' return.