

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Dear Brother Faull,

Please advise as to the biblical perspective of women performing baptism.

ANSWER:

Though women are forbidden to teach men publicly or have authority over a man I know of no reason they cannot baptize. Women are to be soul winners and if they have taught someone the Gospel and the person is ready to submit to the Lord in Christian Baptism what possible Scripture could be abused to say that they could not baptize them?

My secretary taught a young woman one evening and baptized her while they were still at the church building. No one else was present. She baptized her the same hour of the night. She taught, she baptized the disciple and then she continued to have Bible studies with her teaching her to observe all things. She was not a teacher of man nor did she have authority over a man, and those are the only two things the Bible forbids women to do. Anything else would be opinion.

I mentioned this once in a college class and a non-instrumental student came up to me and rebuked me before all. He said there was no precedent, command, or necessarily inference of a woman baptizing a man in the Scripture. I scratched my head and said "Yes there is."

He said. "Where?"

I told him, "I do not remember exactly where it is, but it is right under the verse that shows a

Gentile baptizing someone, and if he could find that, it is in the verse right underneath it." (Sometimes I get too smarty!!)

We ought to stress what God did forbid and not have women teaching and preaching to men or having authority over them, but we must not forbid what God did not forbid.

I would to God that all women would share their faith with their friends and neighbors and baptize them into Christ. There may be a lot more people in Heaven if we would not limit the women except in areas where God placed the prohibition.