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



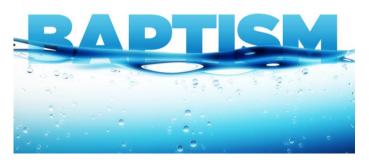
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Dear Brother Faull,

I would be curious how you would answer the following question:

If baptism is essential for salvation and we can lose our salvation by sinning, then why are people not constantly being baptized to obtain salvation again?



ANSWER:

Baptism is where one enters into Christ. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Galatians 3:27

It is then a covenant relationship where one receives the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture tells us in **2 Timothy 2:12-13**, "12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself."

Now for Him to be faithful, what must He do when we deny Him and no longer believe? He is faithful and ALSO will deny us.

However, if one confesses his sin, He is faithful and will forgive us our sins. Baptism is not necessary again for once a man is born again he needs not be born again.

If he was buried with Him, he does not need to be baptized and risen again from the dead. There is one rebirth and one death.

Peter told Simon the sorcerer to repent and pray that the thought of his heart may be forgiven. If there is repentance and confession, there is forgiveness given through the blood of Christ, Who is our advocate.

He that confesses and forsakes his sin shall be forgiven but he that covers his sin shall not prosper.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." **Proverbs 28:13**

Many people are re-baptized because they cannot believe they did what they did or if they were sincere.

But if the original conversion was real, repentance and

confession results the same as when they entered the covenant initially.

If you sin against your wife, a remarriage is not necessary; just repentance and confession. Repentant prayers of confession keeps one in a blood covenant with the Lord.

This is why the Lord's Supper is so wonderful when we think back to what He did, forward to His coming, upward to His sitting on God's right-hand as High Priest making intercession, inward to our conscience, and outward to the needs of others.

When this is not done, many become spiritually sick, weak and die. If we judge ourselves we will not be condemned with the world. It is the blood of the covenant and where there is an appeal to the blood, there is forgiveness.

Only the ignorant or the insincere, or the mis-instructed would feel that baptism again is in order.