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Is baptism necessary to be saved? And the answer that question is no, it is not. Now, if someone were to ask me an entirely different question, and that is, should a believer be baptized? The answer is a strong affirmation. Yes, he should. Because baptism testifies of our salvation experience. And it also reveals a few additional points. So let's talk first about baptism. And then we'll go back towards the end of this video, and speak about the biblical basis for my response, my answer to the question, does one have to be baptized to be saved? First of all, I like to point you to a scripture. And that Scripture is Luke chapter 12. And verse 50, their Messiah says something, he's speaking about going to Jerusalem. And he says, I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am until it's completed. Now, when he's speaking about baptism, he's not speaking about what happened to him three and a half years earlier, when he was immersed in the Jordan River, under the leadership of John the Baptist. We'll talk about that in a moment. But when he says in Luke chapter 12, and verse 50, I have a baptism to go through. He's talking about the death, burial, and resurrection here this, there is an inherent relationship between Messiah work, his death, that He was buried, and then he rose on the third day, that is related directly to baptism. Now, let me give you an example of that. In the Gospel accounts, it speaks about your shoe arriving at the Jordan River to be baptized by John. And John is confused by this. And he says, You know, I have need to be baptized by you, and you come to me, and Messiah says, permitted to be so for all righteousness. Now, what does he mean? Well, when Messiah was immersed, when he came up from the water, having immersed himself, he comes up. And what happens? We all know the answer to this. There was a voice from heaven, God's voice, that heaven open up, and a voice from heaven, said this, this is my beloved Son, son, oftentimes is related to the concept of servant. Why is that important? My beloved Son, He says, in whom I'm well pleased, why is he pleased with your shoe? Because the baptism conveyed this to God the Father, that God the Son was going to submit to his father's purpose for his life, he was going to obey God's will for his life, meaning he was going to go to Jerusalem, he was going to be crucified on Passover, he was going to die, be buried, and on the third day rise from the dead. So he was saying he was giving a symbol. I'm obeying your plan for my life, why you sent me into this world. And that's why God the Father said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I'm well please. Now we need to learn those two things based upon Luke 12. And the passages that deal with your shoe his baptism, what are the two things when one is baptize, he is identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Messiah, he is saying, I believe in that I have faith in that I receive

what he did in my behalf for the forgiveness of sins. So he's testifying of that faith. He had to have faith first to believe and then be baptized. And it's belief that saves us baptism testifies to that faith, that belief. Now, there's something else we need to deal with. And that is the motivation. The reason why that person sent me that question about baptism isn't necessary for salvation. He was listening to someone who I do not know. But he was listening to someone who was teaching from Acts chapter two. I would invite you to take out your Bible. And look at Acts chapter two. We're going to begin in a moment in verse 37. And this person was dealing with this passage that's connected to Pentecost, Peter is the speaker, and he is teaching. And those what happens, verse 37. And having heard this, this group of people who are listening to Peter's message of the gospel of what Messiah has done, what is the significance of this day in the event that took place at Pentecost? And he says, and having heard they were pierced in their heart, so they heard the message, they were pierced, they were moved in their heart. And they said to Peter, and to the remaining the additional apostles, what shall we do? Now? The question is not, how can we be saved? They're saying a much more general question, what should we do? And Peter's going to reveal the normative thing that people do who want to respond to the gospel? So they say, What shall we do men and brethren, here's Peter's response. And Peter said to them, you repent, and be baptized, each one of you in the name of Messiah sure for the forgiveness of sins, and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now, that's normative. You want to respond to God's work of salvation, He did the work, we receive it, we receive it by faith. And what's normative is this, that one beliefs, they they repent, their baptize, and they receive the Holy Spirit. This is the normative. Now he's not saying that this is the absolute order. Why? Well, the person who was teaching said, based upon this, baptism is necessary to be saved, it is not. How do we know that? Well, let's look at another passage in the book of Acts, this time, Acts chapter 10. Now in Acts chapter 10, the same speaker Peter, he is speaking to a group of Gentiles, and they hear the Gospel. And apparently, they did something. Now realize that Paul teaches something. And it's very important. That's this, the guarantee of salvation, the proof the evidence that one has been saved, that they have a true faith is that the Holy Spirit enters into them never to leave. And when Peter was speaking to these Gentiles, they hurt. And they believed, because the Holy Spirit was given to them. They were saved by their faith. And then Peter said, can anyone forbid water? Can anyone, prohibit them from being baptized, because they have the Holy Spirit, they have evidence that they are saved, so you are saved. And you testify that this salvation by being baptize. Let's look at another scripture turn, if you would, to the book of Mark, Mark, chapter 16, the book of Mark and chapter 16. Now, I want to review one thing before we read the Scripture, many times, the Bible gives us what is proper what the scholars call, normative, meaning the normative thing to do is you believe, and you were baptized. But the question we're struggling with is this is baptism, part of the means of salvation. I have to be baptized in order to be saved. And again, the answer's no. And look at the Scripture, Mark, chapter 16, verse 16, it says, the one having believed and been baptize shall be saved. Now, if this is where the verse would end, we would have to say yes, baptism is necessary. But notice what it does, it follows a formula a teaching device, it says, but the one who does not believe is condemned will be condemned. Now, when we put that whole statement together, it teaches us something, the normative outcome, the behavior, what's proper you believe, and your baptism that is a normal thing. You do in regard to salvation, you believe, and you're baptized. That's what saved people do. But the next part of the sentence says, The one who does not believe this one shall be condemned. What does that tell us? It is belief, an only belief that is necessary to be saved. And failure to belief will bring about condemnation. So this scripture, it tells us clearly, as well as x 10, they received the Holy Spirit prior to being baptized. So baptism is not

necessary to be saved. But if you want to be obedient, and you want to be pleasing to God, you will be baptized, for what to reason, to give a testimony, a public testimony. First, I have united in faith, believing what Messiah has done, His death on the cross, He was buried, but I believe he rose from the third day he died for my sins, and He overcame death and sin by arising from the death. I believe that that. Secondly, I want to obey God's plan for my life. So everyone who was baptized, they need to be saved, saved through faith in that gospel message. And that baptism also says, I want to submit just like Yeshua did for his heavenly Father's will for his life. I want to submit as well. So baptism very important. If you're saved and you're not being baptized, you're in disobedience. But baptism is not part of the means not part of the work of salvation. It's simply a testimony. It symbolizes the faith and the belief that one has that saved him or her when they believed it is not part of the work of salvation. So I'll close with that until next time, and we answer another question. May God bless you, Shalom from Israel.