Does BAPTISM HAVE ANY THING TO DO WITH OUR BEING SAVED?
as so many claim?And that FAITH ALONE IS ALL THAT IS NECESSARY.?
If so Lu.7,30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves,not being baptized of him(John)verse 29And all the peopl that heard him,and the publicans,justified God,being baptized with the baptism of John.--Jesus demanded to be baptized of John,John said I have need to be baptized of thee,and comest thou to me?And Jesus answering said unto him,Suffer it to be so now;for thus it becometh us to fulfil all ri righteousness,Mt.3,15.--We learn that God's commandments are righteousness. 1 Pe.3,21 Peter making a comparison ,Stated That Noah and his family were saved by water,the like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us
Then we read in Acts 22,16 That Paul after he had been praying three days was told by Annanias,Now why tarries thou,Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins.Was he saved before his sins were washed away?Evidently he believed for as he was on his way to Damascus with authority to bind and put in prison those who were preaching salvation through Christ.Recorded in Ac 9,1,20 He was blinded and heard a voice,Saul ,Saul,why persecutest m thou me?Verse 5 And he said who art thou Lord?And the Lord said I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.6and He trembling and astonished said,Lord what wilt thou have me to do?The Lord said unto him,arise,and go into the city,and it shall be told thee what thou must do .he was in the city three days Annanias was sent to him,laid his hands upon him,he received his sight Annias told him what he came to him for and said Now why tarriest thou,arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins.--He was told to go into the city and it will be told thee what thou must do.was he saved before his sins we were washed away?Evidently he believed on the Lord.But still He was told what he must do.Nothing else recorded that he must do.was He saved by faith alone?

In Mark 16,15-16 Just before Jesus ascended,He commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.But he that believeth not shall be damned.Let us notice He that believeth and is baptized . these two word are connected with the word and giving one of these words just as much emphasis as the other.Can we use one and leave off the other?Can we say "He t that is baptized shall be saved?or he that believeth shall be saved?. surely not for we are forbidden to add to or take from Gods word,or wrest, or pervert.The above reference was carried out in Acts chapter 2 when the disciples preached the first sermon in obedience to the above command after Christ arose from the dead.They convinced the Jews that they had crucified Jesus the Son of God,They were convinced(pricked in their hearts)and cried Men and brethren ,what shall we do?Verse 37.Peter said Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins,Verse 38.. and in verse 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort,saying Save yourselves from this untoward generation.41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:and the same day there were added to them about three thousand souls.Verse 37 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.--They gladly received his word,evidently repented, and were baptized for the remission of their sins.and were added to the church.Some tell us that there is not a thing we can do to save ourselves. But Peter told them to do that very thing,And Peter was inspired of God and Spoke as the spirit gave him utterance Ac.2,4.

We have another account in the tenth chapter of Acts,Cornelieus was a devout man,feared God with all his house,gave much alms to the people,prayed to God always.Hewas told to send for Peter,he shall tell thee what thou must do, oughtest to do.Peter relating it in Chapter 11 verse 14 Who shall tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.If he faith alone would save him why was he told what to do in order to save himself and all his house?He had faith but was told after the Holy Ghost fell on him and the others,proving to those whocame with Peter That God had accapte the Gentile For they spoke with tongues and magnified God,This was the first account of the Gentile being preached to.Peter had received the message to go to Cornelieus,Cornelieus had a vision telling him to send for Peter. When they came together each related the vision they had seen,Peter said I perceive of a truth that God is no respecter of persons,but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.Then he said, Verse 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel,preaching peace by Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all) that word,I say ,ye know which was published throughout all Judaea and began in Galilee,after the baptism which John preached.38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazereth with the Holy Ghost and with power.read to the 44 verseWhile Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word.verse 47 Then answered Peter,Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized,which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?(we Jews)48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.Peter would tell Cornelieus What thou oughtest to do Verse 6.What did Peter tell him what he oughtest to do?Verse 48 Hecommanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

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Another example Ac.16 Paul and Silas were put in prison for preaching the things concerning the kingdom and salvation thru the name of Christ, And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praise unto God:and the prisoners heard them Verse 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake,and all the prison doors were opened,and every ones bonds were looses.The keeper of the prison thought all the prisoners had escaped,and he drew out his sword and would have killed himself,but Paul cried with a loud voice,Do thyself no harm;for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light,and sprang in,and came in and came trembling,and fell down before Paul and Silas 30And brought them out,and said,Sirs,what must I do to be saved?31 And they said,Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,and thou shalt be saved and thy house 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord,and to all that were in his house.33 And he took them the same hour of the night,and washed their stripes;and was baptized,he and all his straightway. Was he saved?and his house? Mt.28.18 Just before he ascended ,Jesus came and spake unto the disciples saying,All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.19 Go ye therefore into all the earth and teach all nations,baptizing them in the name of the Father,and of the Son,and of the Holy Ghost;20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:And lo I am with you alway,even unto the end of the world.And that is Just what Paul and Silas did.Jesus said,Teach them and baptize them,and that is what they did to the Jailer and his house.

Another interesting conversion is related in Ac.8,26-40 The ethiopean had been to Jerusalem to worship,traveling home in his chariot.Philip the evangelist was told by the Spirit To join himsel to the chariot.He wasreading in the prophets,Foretelling the suffering and rejection ofChrist,Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading,He andwered,How can I except some man should guide me?He asked Philip,Of whom speaketh the prophet this,of himself or of some other man?Philip began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus.They came to a certain water and the Eunuch said See here is water,what doth hinder me to be baptized?37 Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart,thou mayest.And he answered and said I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.They stopped the chariot,and They,both Philip and the eunuch,and he baptized him. Jesus said,teach them and baptize them.That is what Philip did,Was the eunuch saved?. It is not mentioned that the eunuch objected to being baptized,nor the others referred to above.Why do people today tell us that baptism is no essential to salvation,When Jesus said Suffer it to be so now,for thus it behooves us to fulfil all righteousness,And Peter said,The like figure wherein,baptism doth also now save us.Anninias said to Paul,Now why tarries thou?arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins,And the Jailer took Paul and Silas the same hour of the night and washed their stripes ,and was baptized,He and all His house.

Ac.8.5-25 Records Philip went down into Samaria,and preached Christ unto them.Verse 12 But when they believed Philip preachingg hte things concerning the kingdom of God,and the name of Jesus Christ,they were baptized both men and women.Does this leave the impression that there is no work to be done?that we can do nothing to save ourselves?When Peter says ~~your~~ save yourselves from this crooked and perverse generation Ac.2,40.--Phil. 2,12 Wherefore my ~~brethren~~ beloved,as ye have always obeyed,not as in my presence only,but much more in my absence,Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.-This verse refers to the work to be done after we are saved by faith.repentance confession and Baptism for the remission of our sins. Now let us go to James 2,14What doth it profit my brethren,though a man say he have faith,if it hath not works,Can faith save him?-Verse 17 Even so faith if it hath not works,is dead being alone.18 Yea a man may say thou hast faith,and I have works:show me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.Thou believest there is one God, thou doest well:the devils also believe and tremble.20 But wilt thou know O vain man,that faith without works is dead?--Then names Abraham who was Justified by faith,when He offered up his Son Issac as God told him, 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with works,and by works was faith made perfect.Ye see then how that by works a man is justified,and not by faith only. 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead,so faith without works is dead also.Let us go back to Ac.2,40 After convinceing the Jews that they had crucified and slain the Son of.God.And with many other words did he testify and exhort.saying SAVE YOURSELVES FROM THIS UNTOWARD GENERATION. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.v 47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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SOME THINGS ABOUT BAPTISM.

Gal.3 27 we read,For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jes. us.For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ have put On Christ.Is there any way to get into Christ except to be baptized into Him? 2 Cor.5,17 Therefore if any man be in Christ,he is a new creature old things have passed away,all things have become new.Now let us turn to Ro.6 3 Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were Baptized into His death?4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death;That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of life.Christ was raised from the dead and set at the right hand of God Eph.1 20 Which He(God) wrc wrought in Christ ,when He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in heavenly places.Mt.28,18 All power is given unto me.both in heaven and earth,Go ye therefore and teach all nations,baptizeing them in the nameof the Father,and in the Son,and in the Holy Ghost.Christ arose from the dead,ascended to the Father made king of kings and Lord of Lords,A new Life.Now we are buried with Him in baptism and raised to walk a new life Ro.6,4 Even so we also should walk in newness of life.5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death,we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.6knowing this ,that ourr old man is crucified with Him that the body of sin might be destroyed,that we should not henceforth serve sin.Then in verse 17 But God be thanked ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine(the death,burial and resurrection of Christ)being then made free from sin,ye became servants of righteousness.--We were buried with Him in baptism,and raised to new life. Col,3.1 If ye then be risen with Christ,seek those things which are above,where Christ sitteth on theright hand of God 2 Set your affections on things above,and not on things on the earth.3 For ye are dead,and you life is hid with Christ in God.Read the rest of the chapter.

Are we saved out of Christ?Are we a new creature out of Christ?2 Cor.5 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ,He is a new creature:old things are passed away passed away;all things are become new. We read in Col.1.12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father,who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness;and hath ~~d~~ translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son, In whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of Sin.He is the door of the sheepfold.No other way to get in but through Him Jn.10,1 Verily,verily,I say unto you,He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold,but climbeth up some other way,the same is a thief and a robber.Verse 9I am the door :by me if any man enter in,he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. Do the scriptures teach us that there is any way to get into Christ ,than being baptized into Him?Of course if we do not believe in Christ as the Son of God,Repent of our sins,confess our faith in Him,Baptism would not profit a thing.For we would not be confessed before God,Christ said He that confesseth me before men,him will I confess before my Father.We learn fromRo.10,9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,thou shalt be saved.10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;and with the mouth confession is made unto s salvation.

We have learned from Ro.6,17 that we obey from the heart that form of doctrine,and are made free from Sin.And 1 Pe 1,22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth.23 Being born again,not of corruptible seed But of incorruptible,by the word of God ,which liveth and abideth forever One of these says we obey from the heart that form of doctrine,and are made free from sin,the other We are purified by obeying the truth,also born again,these are undeniable facts that there is obedience in order to be made free from sin,and purify our souls.Who can deny it?

Heb.12,1 Therefore seeing we are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses.Let us lay aside every weight,and the sin that doth so easily beset us,and let us run with patience,the race that is set before us .2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;who for the joy that was set before Him,endured the cross,despising the shame,and is set down at the right hand of God.

1 Pe.1,3 According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness,through the knowledge of Him who hath called us to glory and virtue.4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and ~~p~~ precious promises:that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.5 And beside ~~a~~ this,giving all diligence,Add to your faith virtue,and to virtue knowledge,6And to knowledge temperance,and to temperance patience,and to patience Godliness,also brotherly kindness.8For if these things be in you and abound,they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ 9But he that lacketh these things is blind,and cannot see afar off,and hath forgotten that he was once purged from his old sins.

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