

"NINE DESIGNS OF BAPTISM"

[No one scripture says all there is on any one subject]

1. Perhaps the highest and noblest design is obedience, but not to the exclusion of the other designs. It is much more than ones willingness to obey God. It is not the "1st" act of obedience after becoming a Christian.

2 Thess 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

2. The securing of an answer "for" a good conscience.

*1 Pet. 3:21 And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God **for** a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

Why? Because the conscience is: **Weak** - **1 Corinthians 8:7** ...their conscience being **weak** is defiled. **Defiled** - **Titus 1:15** ... but both their mind and their conscience are **defiled**. **Seared** - **1 Timothy 4:2** by means of the hypocrisy of liars **seared** in their own conscience as with a branding iron, **Evil** - **Hebrews 10:22** let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an **evil** conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **Ignorant** - **Eph. 4:18** being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

3. To bring us into a relationship with the Godhead.

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

4. To simply receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Gal 3:2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

5. To bring us into an "organic" relationship in the one body of Christ.

1 Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

6. To share in the likeness of the death of Christ.

Rom 6:3-5 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,

7. To enable us to put on Christ as a garment.

Gal 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

8. To bring us into a state of wholeness. To bring us to salvation.

Mark 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

9. To secure the forgiveness or remission of sins.

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 22:16 'And now why do you delay? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.