

Baptism and the Blood

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Hello dear friends. I'm Mike Pickford, preacher for the Southside church of Christ in Smyrna, TN, and this is your Moment of Truth.

The Lord said "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). 1 Peter 3:21 says "There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism". Sin separates us from God and makes us "Lost" (Isaiah 59:1-2). In order to get reunited with God (Saved), we must eliminate that which separates – Sin. "Ananias said to Saul (Paul), "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins..." (Acts 22:16:). So, baptism washes away sins. But the Bible also says the blood of Christ washes away sins (Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7). Is this a contradiction? The answer is in Romans 6:3, where Paul said those Christians were "Baptized into His (Jesus') death." Jesus shed His blood at death! So they were baptized into Jesus' blood. The Bible can say that baptism saves because It's at the point of baptism that one comes in contact with the blood of Christ which then washes away their sins.

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