

LOGIC vs PRACTICE

Many people are taught that their sins are forgiven by a prayer...then to perform a non-essential act to show that, in that prayer, the sins were washed away...

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. - Mark 16:16

Some state that baptism is NOT necessary; only belief.....

I wonder how this logic would "pan" out if 'baptism' was replaced by another act of obedience?

Consider:

He that believeth and REPENTS shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Is repentance necessary?

He that believeth and CONFESSES shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Is confession necessary?

For that matter...

He that heareth and BELIEVETH shall be saved; but he that heareth not shall be damned.

Is BELIEF NECESSARY????

IF NOT; WHY NOT?

If the logic will suffice on BAPTISM, it should suffice on REPENTANCE, CONFESSION, BELIEF..... and even on PRAYER!

Notice:

He that believeth and PRAYS shall be saved; but he that BELIEVETH not shall be damned.

Is prayer necessary?

He that believeth and SHOWS it, shall be saved; but he that BELIEVETH not, shall be damned.

Is SHOWING IT, NECESSARY?

Again, the Lord said these words, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." - Mark 16:16

Perhaps another question is in order:

If baptism isn't necessary....WHY THEN, DID YOU BOTHER DOING IT?