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Having had many discussions on the subject of water baptism I have learned the following reasons why you don't need to be water baptized.

Reason #1: You cannot repent of what you are by nature: A sinner.

The gospel of your salvation (Eph 1:13) *concerns* itself with the root cause of our problem: we are sinners. This is what we are by nature.

Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"

Rom 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

You *don't* have the *power* to repent of your sin nature.

Rom 5:6 "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

In addition to that fact, nor can water wash away this sin. The problem is greater than water can deal with.

Romans 5:12 and following says this: one man got us into this situation—Adam, and only one man can get us out of this situation—Christ. There is nothing for you to do or can in this regard. Therefore, you don't need to be water baptized.

Reason #2: The Nation of Israel fell and was cast away and the world was reconciled unto God (Rom 11:11,12,15).

The baptism with water unto repentance was about the Nation of Israel, God's chosen, covenant people. The Nation is to be a kingdom of priests and holy (Exodus 19). The priests are inducted into office by two ceremonies: baptism (washing) and anointing (Exodus 29).

Act 13:24 "When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel."

Isaiah chapter 1 and Malachi 4:4-6 provides the context or background for this requirement of the Nation of Israel. Israel had become unclean and had broken the Law.

Amos 3 and Acts 3:explains why at the first it only concerned Israel and later the Gentiles (Matt 10:5,6 and Matt 28:19,20)

Amos 3:1 “Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,”

Amos 3:2 “You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

Act 3:25 “Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.”

Act 3:26 “Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

The Abrahamic covenant required Israel’s salvation *first* and through them the salvation of the Gentiles.

Joh 3:7 “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”—Israel must be delivered first, *then* through them the Gentiles

Joh 4:22 “Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.”

Mar 7:27 “But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.”

Israel did not repent; Israel stumbled, fell and was cast away (Rom 11:11,12,15). What was to follow was the Day of the Lord, the Time of Jacobs Trouble, but God reconciled the world unto himself instead (Rom 11:15 and 2 Cor 5:16), a response not predicted. The call to repent for Israel was suspended and the baptism with water unto repentance was withdrawn. Therefore, you don’t need to be water baptized.

Reason #3: The blood of Christ is preached for the forgiveness of sins today.

With the fall of Israel God introduced a *new program*, an unprophesied program, a program kept secret since the world began, hid in Himself, called *The Mystery*, that introduced all new issues. Beginning here the preaching of Jesus Christ and him crucified for the forgiveness of sins. Beginning here

God dealt with both Jews and Gentiles without distinction.

2Co 5:14 “For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:”

2Co 5:15 “And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”

2Co 5:16 “Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.”

2Co 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

2Co 5:18 “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”

2Co 5:19 “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”

The preaching of the cross, Christ and him crucified, redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins. Christ made to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. God has reconciled the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; therefore, not the baptism with water unto repentance, but forgiveness of sins through the cross work of Christ.

Reason #4: Paul was not sent to water baptize

Paul was saved and commissioned, *not* to carry on the ministry and message before him, but to carry out a new ministry and message.

1Ti 1:15 “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”

1Ti 1:16 “Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.”

Paul’s salvation *clearly* marked the beginning of something *new*. If you are first, you are the beginning, not the continuation.

1Co 1:14 “I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;”

1Co 1:15 “Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.”

1Co 1:16 “And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.”

1Co 1:17 “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”

Paul *definitely* was not carrying on the commission of the Twelve Apostles, who were sent to water baptize for the remission of sin. The Twelve Apostles under no conditions could have said what Paul says here. Paul could only say what he says here because as he stated, “*Christ sent me not to baptize*”, that is, not to preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, but to preach the cross of Christ for the remission of sins. Preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins and Preaching Christ and him crucified for the remission of sins are different messages. The preaching of Christ and him crucified for the forgiveness of sins has replaced the baptism of repentance. Paul

is the *last* Apostle of God (1 Cor 15:8), and his ministry and message is to be heard today. Therefore, you don't need to be water baptized.

Reason #5: Ephesians 4:5 state there is only one baptism

Paul being our Apostle today, and not being sent to baptize with water unto repentance for the remission of sins, when he speaks of “One Baptism”—*can one rightly believe he meant water?* The baptism Paul preached was a spiritual operation of God the Holy Spirit.

1Co 12:13 “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

Rom 6:3 “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”

Rom 6:4 “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.”

Gal 3:27 “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Gal 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Col 2:10 “And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:”

Col 2:11 “In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:”

Col 2:12 “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

Everything about this baptism is *real*. There is no *symbolism* here. This baptism results in the salvation of *every one* that experience it, that it happens to, *without exception*. You *cannot* make that claim for water baptism.

Being water baptized today in the light of these reasons doesn't allow it to be a matter of choice; it's wrong and stronger than that it is sinful. —*Written by Arthur Johnson*

