



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High  
**Title:** Does Baptism Save?  
**Lesson:** 120

**Text:** Acts 22:16  
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## **Biblical Counseling Training Conference**

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**Dates - February 8-13**

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**For questions** - Christian Moon

## **How to transform trials into testimonies:**

### **1. Expect opposition as a result of bold faith.**

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

### **2. Embrace hardship as God's will.**

### **3. Look for evidence of God's providence.**

#### **4. Determine to turn adversity into purposeful moments of witnessing.**

#### **Paul's personal testimony**

1. The appeal
  - A. We should always be respectful.
  - B. We should seek common ground.
2. An honest and transparent portrait of our life before salvation
3. Share our conversion experience
4. His restoration and commissioning.

#### **God is sovereign over salvation.**

Acts 22:14 And he said, 'The God of our fathers has **appointed** you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.

John 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day

16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

Acts 22:16 'Now why do you delay?

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AND

wash away your sins, (calling) on His name.'

**ANT** - Acts 22:16 And now, why do you delay? Rise and be baptized, and by calling upon His name, wash away your sins.

Acts 26:16–18 'But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; 17 rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, 18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified (saved) by faith in Me.'

**"by faith in Me"**

**How did Peter give the gospel?**

Acts 2:21 'And it shall be that everyone who **CALLS** on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

## How did Paul give the gospel?

Acts 9:21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who **called on this name**, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”

Acts 16:31 They said, “**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

## How did John give the gospel?

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who **believe in the name of the Son of God**, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—**our faith**.

## The book of Romans teaches the need for righteousness.

Romans 10:8–10 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9 that if you **confess** with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person **believes**, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he **confesses**, resulting in salvation.

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who **call on Him**; 13 for “Whoever will **call on the name** of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How then will they **call on Him** in whom they have not **believed**?

How will they **believe** in Him whom they have not **heard**? And how will they **hear** without a preacher?

## **Paul's rebuke to the Corinthian church**

1 Corinthians 1:11–17 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. 12 Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one would say you were baptized in my name.

16 Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.

18 For the **word of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God

## **Water baptism is vitally important:**

**1. Baptism is an act of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 28:19–20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

## **Baptism always follows faith:**

Acts 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

Acts 18:8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

Matthew 3:13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

## **2. Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_**

### **A. It \_\_\_\_\_ us with Christ.**

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

### **B. It symbolizes being \_\_\_\_\_ from our sin.**

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the **washing of regeneration** and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

**C. It means that we are \_\_\_\_\_  
to other believers.**

1 Corinthians 12:12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

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.

**Baptism class - February 2 @ 6:30 in room 109**  
**Dedication Sunday - April 12, 2026**

### **Implication**

**Baptismal regeneration is a false gospel because it undermines the \_\_\_\_\_ and glory of Christ's finished work.**

**It denies Christ's finished work.**

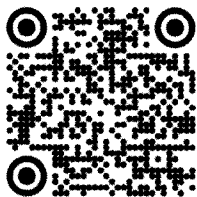
John 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"** And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

## **It corrupts justification.**

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

### **Discussion Guide**

1. If you encountered someone who believes baptism is necessary for salvation, how would you respond and help correct that understanding?
2. Why was it crucial for Paul to properly understand Ananias's instructions, and how did that understanding shape his theology of salvation?
3. How should Acts 22:16 shape our understanding of baptism—as a saving act, a symbolic testimony, or an act of obedience—and why?
4. It is important not only to know that baptism does not save, but also to understand why. Why is embracing a false gospel such a serious matter?



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