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## Error: Baptism a “sacrament”

*“sacrament” - sacred act that bestows grace in and of itself requiring proper words (form) and matter (elements used) administered by an authorized agent of the church*

- Baptism **MUST** be an act of faith **Ac 8:36-38**
- No “form” of words **Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38; 19:5**
- No power in the water, the administrator, or the church—Christ the Savior **Eph 5:23,26; 1Pt 3:21; Gal 3:26,27**
- “Church” not a priest; “church” = *people*

Error: Christ not baptized for the remission of sins (Mt 3:13), so ...

- Christ' baptism unique: *all others*, Mk 1:4; Christ, Jn 1:31
- Baptism for men today “in the name of Christ” Acts 19:1-5
- This baptism essential to being in Christ where forgiveness is found Acts 2:38; Gal 3:26-29

## Error: Sprinkling or pouring are acceptable forms of baptism

- ➔ “baptism” > *baptisma* (noun); *baptizo* (verb).  
Transliterated, not translated.
- ➔ Dictionaries/denominations definitions
  - Requires “much water” **Jn 3:23**
  - “went down into” & “came up out of” water when baptized **Mk 1:10; Ac 8:38-39**
  - “Sprinkling” (“scatter in drops”) and “pouring” (“to cause to flow in a stream”) not interchangeable with “baptism” **Mt 28:19**  
**Heb 9:19?** *ellipsis*—”sp. [blood on] both the bk ...”

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