

Q: Can a woman baptize someone, or, must it be a man?

Q: Must the one who baptizes another be a Christian?

Q: What IS required for scriptural baptism?

Acts 19:1-5; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:36,38; 8:35-37

- Though previously baptized, these disciples were baptized again. How does Luke describe this baptism after being taught? (v5) _____

- What must a person believe to be baptized in the name of Jesus? _____

*This is the **WHO** that are ready to be baptized in the name of Jesus.*

Acts 8:35-39

- Based on these verses, what did the Ethiopian and Luke (the author) mean by the word “baptized”? _____

*This is the **HOW** of baptism in the name of Jesus.*

Acts 8:35-39; 10:47,48

- What are people immersed in when baptized in the name of Jesus? _____

*This is **WHAT** people are baptized in when baptized in Jesus name.*

Acts 2:38; 22:16

- Why were people baptized in the name of Jesus Christ? _____

*This is the **WHY** of baptism in the name of Jesus.*

1Co 1:10-17

- Did Paul teach the Corinthians to be baptized? **Ac 18:8** _____
- Why was Paul baptized? **Acts 22:16** _____
- In view of these two observations, what must he be referring to in **1Co 1:13-17** when speaking of baptizing people? _____

- Do you think this bears on whether who baptized you is important? Explain _____

John 4:1,2

- Verse one says Jesus was baptizing, but verse two says he was not. Explain. _____

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Considerations

- Are there any scriptures that indicate required qualifications for the person who baptizes another? If so, write them here and be prepared to explain how they do that. _____
- If the baptizer must be a Christian, how does that affect the salvation of the person baptized? _____

- Is baptizing someone an act of authority over them?
 - A child is afraid of going completely under water. But, he has become covered with ants. With his consent, another child dips him in the pond. Has one child usurped authority over the other?
 - A supervisor in a refinery is partially paralyzed. While inspecting a job, he is exposed to a toxic substance that is impacting his skin. With his consent, workers who are present lower him completely into a vat with neutralizing solution. Have the workers usurped authority over the supervisor?
 - A man learns the truth about salvation and baptism. But, there are no men around. With his consent, his wife immerses him in the swimming pool. Has she usurped authority over her husband?
One may ask, can a man give a woman permission to do that which is not authorized for her to do? The answer is, "No." Thus the first question under "Considerations."