Should We Baptize Infants?

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INTRODUCTION

- Should we baptize infants? The reason it's a difficult question is because if you look in the Bible, there is not an example of baptizing infants.
- Now, does that mean that we don't do it? Well, no, it depends what the scriptures teach.

1 The Soul Who Sins Shall Die

Ezekiel 18:19–20

- The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son.
- The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.
- So if the sins weren't carrying through from Adam to Ezekiel's time, they sure didn't make it over here.

2 Psalm 51: David Was Born Into a World of Sin

Psalm 51:1–5

- Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Sin has ruined the purity and holiness with which followers of God must have.
- Is it the idea that David was born committing sin? David was born guilty of sin? Of course not. David was born into a world of sin.
- David was born into a world of sin, but he was only guilty of His own sin.

3 Psalm 58 and Ephesians 2: Judgment on Those Acting Wickedly

Psalm 58:3; Ephesians 2:1–3

- The wicked are estranged from the womb. They go astray from birth, speaking lies.
- Judgment on those who were acting wickedly. That doesn't do to say that the infants were wicked.
- They were guilty of Sin. Why? Because they committed it. They once walked in sin.
- If we have sin, we need God's forgiveness. And when we sin, we separate ourselves from God.

4 Romans 5: Death Spread to All Men Because All Sinned

Romans 5:12–14; Romans 5:17

- Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.
- The idea that we're guilty of Adam's sin, then everybody will be saved.
- Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam.

5 Who Is Guilty of Sin?

1 John 3:4; Matthew 18:1–6; Isaiah 7:16

- Sin is lawlessness. Sin is violation of the law.
- The problem is with the one or two-year-old, they're doing things out of conditioning rather than willful choice.
- Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
- So who is guilty of sin? Those who choose to transgress God's law.
- If an infant can't choose to follow after God, let alone understand the concept of true belief, confession, or repentance, why would putting them underwater do that trick?

6 Who Does Then Need Baptism?

Galatians 3:26–27; Acts 22:16; Acts 2:38

- For in Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- Sin separates us from God. The only remedy for that sin is The death of Jesus.
- And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.
- Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.
- That is the same grammatical construct as Acts 2.38. He died because we need the forgiveness of our sins.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to make that choice today.**

MY NOTES