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Lesson No.22

The Subject of Re-Baptism  
Acts 19:1-7

- Doctrine of Salvation
- Disciples of John the Baptist

Key Verse: Romans 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.

**I**ntroduction: In our study of the Acts Overview we have seen many examples of conversions. The 3000 on the day of Pentecost: [Acts 2:1-41](#); The 2000 at Solomon's Porch: [Acts 3:1-4](#); The Samaritans: [Acts 8:4-25](#); The Ethiopian Eunuch: [Acts 8:26-40](#); Saul of Tarsus: [Acts 9:1-19](#); Cornelius and his household: [Acts 10:1-48](#); Lydia of Thyatira: [Acts 16:6-15](#); The Philippian jailor: [Acts 16:25-34](#); The Athenians: [Acts 17:16-34](#); The Corinthians: [Acts 18:1-11](#)

- The response of those who heard involved: (1) Faith in Jesus for salvation; (2) Repentance "*a change of mind*" toward one's sins; (3) Baptism for the remission of sins. [1Corinthians 15:1-3](#)
1. Doctrine of Salvation: In our study of Galatians we learned about salvation and the importance of how it is received: Grace alone; Faith alone; Christ alone.
    - Jesus shares important information with Nicodemus about salvation. [read more](#)
    - Is baptism necessary for salvation? [read more](#)

There are a few denominations who teach that water baptism is required for salvation: i.e. Church of Christ and Christian Church. They include a list of four items: Faith, Repentance, Confession and Water Baptism.



Baptism Ceremony The word baptism means "*to place into*" i.e. the Spirit, Fire or Water baptism: [1Corinthians 12:12](#); [Matthew 3:11](#) and [Romans 6:1-4](#). The context determines how the word is to be applied. God has not ordained water baptism to be a magical ritual by which a person may obtain salvation; rather, water baptism is an outward show and it is to follow the experience of salvation. [John 3:16](#)

2. Disciples of John the Baptist: v.5 this is the only place in the New Testament that refers to anyone being re-baptized. Being re-baptized raises some interesting questions: When is re-baptism appropriate? Is re-baptism ever necessary?
  - When is re-baptism appropriate? There are four essential elements of Baptism: (1) the Proper Mode: "*by immersion*" (2) the Proper Authority: "*in the name of Christ*" (3) the Proper Purpose: "*identifying with Christ*" (4) the Proper Subject: "*dying to sin*" The 12 Disciples of John had been previously baptized "*by immersion*" but their first baptism lacked an essential element: the Proper Authority, "*in the name of Christ*" John's baptism was a sign of repentance toward God.
  - Is re-baptism ever necessary? Re-baptism is appropriate whenever any of the four essential elements are misinterpreted, misunderstood or misapplied.