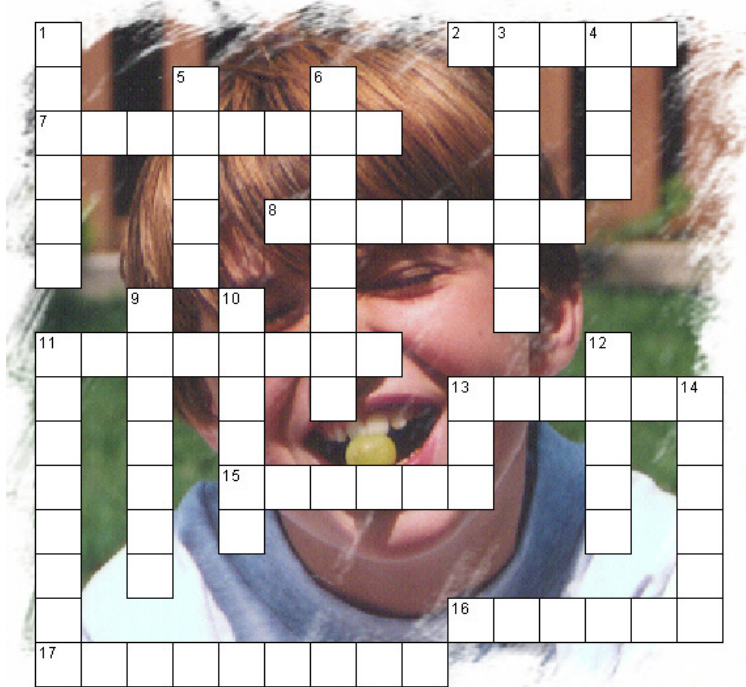


# Crossword Puzzle



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2. God requires us to be saved from the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Baptism is a testimony that we have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as our Savior.
8. Believing in Jesus Christ and receiving His \_\_\_\_\_ life is an inward matter.
11. The world loves \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The world has rejected its \_\_\_\_\_.
15. We should not \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
16. Baptism is not a \_\_\_\_\_ decision...
17. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is not only an inward matter...

1. The Savior.
3. There is the need of an \_\_\_\_\_ testimony that we belong to God.
4. Believing in Jesus Christ and receiving His eternal \_\_\_\_\_ is an inward matter.
5. We must be saved from sin, \_\_\_\_\_ and the world.
6. Peter spoke on the day of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Peter called the world a \_\_\_\_\_ generation.
10. God's salvation is not only an \_\_\_\_\_ matter.
11. The world \_\_\_\_\_ in sin.
12. The world hates truth and \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Thw world delights in \_\_\_\_\_.
14. To be saved from our sins we must \_\_\_\_\_ and believe in the Lord Jesus.

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## The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Seventeen -

### *The Need to Be Baptized (1) - Being Saved from this Crooked World*

#### I. Overview.

God's complete salvation is rich and full. In the previous lessons we have seen that we need to receive the life of the Lord Jesus into us in order to be saved from sin and death. Beginning in this lesson we will see that we need to be baptized in order to be saved from the God-rejecting world.



*The world has rejected God and His salvation in Christ.  
We must reject the world.*

When we believe, we receive the life of Christ. This is how we are saved from sin and death. Baptism is how we are saved from the God-rejecting world. The world is absolutely against God and rejects the salvation He has made available through His Son Jesus Christ. We need to make a public declaration that we are no longer on the side of the world, but on God's side. By our baptism we declare that we have repented from our sins and no longer belong to the world. Baptism also testifies that we have believed in the Savior and belong to Him.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.”**

(Mark 16:16)

### III. Lesson.

God's salvation is not only an inward matter, saving us from sin and death, it is also a matter which affects our relationship with the world around us. Believing in Jesus Christ and receiving His eternal life is an "inward" experience. It occurs in our spirit and cannot be seen from without. There is the need of an outward testimony that we belong to God.

#### Being Saved from the Crooked and Perverted World

In addition to being a testimony that we belong to God and not to the world, baptism saves us from the crooked and perverted world. God requires us to be saved not only from sin and death, but also from the world.

The "world" refers to the degraded and corrupted society around us. The "world" is mankind as the God-rejecting, Christ-rejecting society which refuses to accept God's Word and testimony. Rather, the world hates righteousness and



Baptism is an outward testimony, a visible sign that we have changed.

delights in sin. It hates truth and light and loves darkness and falsehood. Furthermore, the world not only rejects God and Christ, but the world also crucified the Lord Jesus.

When the Apostle Peter preached the first gospel message on the day of Pentecost he told the people that they not only needed forgiveness of their sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they needed to, "Be saved from this crooked generation" (the world) that was around them. The Apostle Paul called the world a "crooked and perverted generation". The world has rejected its Savior! For this reason God's judgment is upon

the world. We should not remain in the world! We need to be saved from the world. God's way of salvation from the world is baptism.

To be saved from our sins we must repent and believe in the Lord Jesus. To be saved from death we need to receive and experience Christ as the Spirit. To be saved and delivered from the world, the crooked generation, we must be baptized. Baptism is not a secret decision made only before God, it is a testimony to those around us that we have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and have received Him as our Savior. Baptism testifies that we have repented from our sins and worldly way of life and that we have received Christ as our Savior.

#### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How are we saved from sin and death?  
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2. In addition to being saved from sin and from death, what else do we need to be saved from?  
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3. What does the world signify?  
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4. How are we saved from the world?  
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