

WHAT WILL PEOPLE THINK?
Adventures in Saying "Yes" – Part 3
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I John 5:3; Luke 23:39-43

Jesus – "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [v.19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [v.20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'
Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

1. Is it more appropriate _____?

faith decision on their own?

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41 (NIV)

2. Does baptism itself _____?

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – [v.9] not by works, so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8,9 (NIV)

• **Baptism is an _____ demonstration of an _____.**

3. What if a person _____?

"We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. [v.4] The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:3,4 (NIV)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
Romans 10:13 (NIV)

4. How much _____?

• **It takes _____.**

"Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water,..." John 3:23a (NIV)

• **It takes _____.**

"As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?'" Acts 8:36 (NIV)

"And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him." Acts 8:38 (NIV)

• **It takes _____.**

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [v.4] We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."
Romans 6:3,4 (NIV)

I Corinthians 15:1-4

• **It takes _____.**

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [v.10] As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove."
Mark 1:9,10 (NIV)