

Does the salvation of the thief on the cross mean that baptism for the remission of sins isn't necessary

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Introduction

1. Luke 23:32-33, 39-43
2. This is a good question, but there are some things we are going to take for granted.
3. There are some things we do want to notice closely.
4. Let us study this very important topic together.

II Discussion

1. Paradise Luke 23:43
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 2. Jesus went to Paradise Acts 2:27, 31; John 20:17
 3. This is not heaven, but it is a place before we are judged and then onto heaven or hell Matthew 25:31-46
2. We can't be saved like the thief on the cross
 1. To be saved like the thief would mean that Jesus himself would have to be on earth, on the cross and so would you Hebrews 9:28
 2. The thief could have been saved by 1) the atonement of the old law, by the baptism of John (can't prove one way or the other if he was) or 3) by the words of Christ
 3. The thief lived and died under the Old Law, we are not under the Old Law Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:15 Galatians 3:13
 4. If we want to be saved by the conditions of the Old Law then we have fallen from Grace Galatians 5:3-4
3. We must do what is required of us to be saved not someone else. Acts 2:37; 16:30
 1. We are required to believe Hebrews 11:1,6 John 12:42-43; 26:27-29
 2. We are required to confess Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37
 3. We are required to repent Acts 17:30-31; 2:38; 3:19
 4. We are required to be baptized, submit to baptism!
 1. It is for the remission of sins Acts 2:38
 2. It is commanded Acts 10:48
 3. It is to have our sins washed away Acts 22:16
 4. It is where we have our sins washed away by contacting the blood of Jesus 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; John 19:34; Romans 6:3-4
 5. It is the only way to be saved 1 Peter 3:21

III Conclusion

1. So to forthrightly answer the question no the salvation of the thief on the cross does not negate that baptism is for the remission of sins
2. What you must do is obey the commands of the Lord John 14:15; Romans 1:5; 16:19
3. The time to obey is now!

Sources: Frank Van Dykes sermons, Charting the old paths by Dillard Thurman