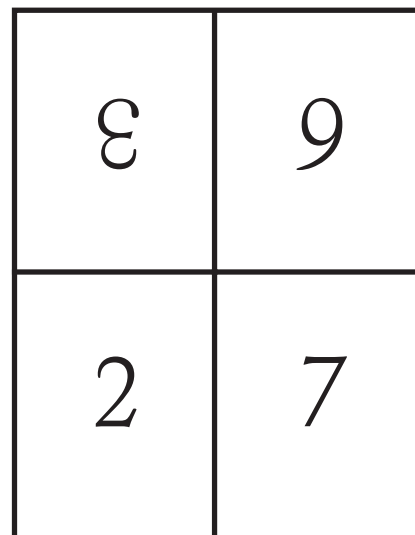
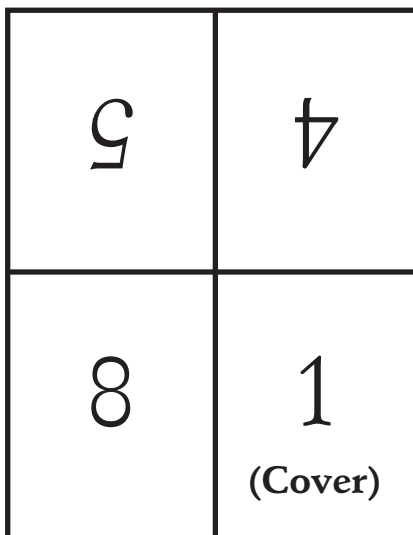


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- can be no obedience without the intention of offering it
mandated them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." "There
 (Acts 10:48) "And he com-
 BAPTISM IS FOR THE OBEEDIENCE. (Acts 10:48) "And he com-
 involves a recognition of wrongs and a turning away from it.
 BAPTISM IS FOR THE PENITENT. (Acts 2:38) Repentance
 can baptism have any meaning when it is divorced from Faith?
 BAPTISM IS FOR BELIEVERS. (Mark 16:16, Acts 8:36-37) How
 who cannot understand what is done cannot benefit from it.
 BAPTISM IS FOR THE TAUGHT. (Matthew 28:19-20.) Those
 heaven." (Mark 10:14)
 thing inherited! Jesus said of children: "Of such is the kingdom of
 "transgression of the Law." It is something committed, not some-
 (Ezek. 18:20.) "The son shall not bear
 born in innocence; sin is not hereditary!" "The son shall not bear
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 1) Must **assume** she was married. (Household can refer to ser-
 vants—Phil. 4:22.)
 2) Must **assume** she had children.
 3) Must **assume** they were present. (After all, she was on a busi-
 ness trip.)
 4) Must **assume** her children were infants. (It was not custom-
 ary for babies to travel.)
 5) Must **assume** they were baptized. (The whole is sometimes
 used to refer to only a part—"The congregation sang a hymn"
 when not all sang.)

Pentecost, the Samaritans, the Ethiopian Nobleman, Cornelius, Saul of Tarsus, Lydia, the Philippian jailer, and the Corinthians. To reject Baptism is to reject a clear commandment of God!

If Baptism is important enough to be mentioned more than 100 times in the Bible, it deserves our most careful consideration! The importance attached to Baptism in the scriptures should cause every living soul to desire to render this act of obedience to God. "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins..." (Acts 22:16.)

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 Infant Baptism in the statement that Lydia "was baptized and her house-
 Some have tried to find a Biblical justification for the practice of
 self to part with it.
 Luther recognized that it was an innovation but could not bring him-
 has been a cherished doctrine which many have clung to devotedly.
 are born in a depraved condition due to the taint of original sin. This
 Many churches teach that infants should be baptized because they

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

- burial. (Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12.)
 (Acts 8:38-39.) The New Testament emphasizes Baptism as a
 Eunuch went down "into" the water and came up "out of" it.
 sized Jesus "into" the River Jordan (Mark 1:9.) Philip and the
 associated Baptism with "much water" (John 3:23). John bap-
 tized Jesus "into" the River Jordan (Mark 1:9.) Philip and the
 5) ARGUMENT FROM THE SCRIPTURES. The New Testament
 ing by immersion."
 are buried with him, alluding to the ancient manner of baptiz-
 mersion was observed in the early church." John Wesley: "We
 "The word baptize means to immerse, and it is certain... im-
 water, according to the meaning of the word..." John Calvin:
 that such as are baptized should be completely immersed in
 mersion." Martin Luther said: "On this account I could wish
 dia states: "The most ancient form... was unquestionably im-
 4) ARGUMENTS FROM SCHOLARS. The Catholic Encyclopedia
 Catholic Church until the Council of Ravenna in 1311.
 church. In fact, sprinkling was not officially recognized by the
 Chrysostom document that immersion was the rule in the early
 Christian writers such as Tertullian, Origen, Ambrose, and
 invariably have baptistries (pools, really) and not fonts. Early
 ings (such as the Church of St. John the Divine at Ephesus)
 3) ARGUMENT FROM HISTORY. Ruins of early church build-

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