

Asking for a Friend: What about baptism and eternal security?

May 10, 2026 Discussion Guide

Acts 2:37-39; Colossians 2:9-12; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Galatians 5:16-26

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work Review: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

*How were you humble before the authority of the Bible this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- When biblical “landmines” are brought up, how do you respond? Do you engage or disengage? Are you combative or passive? Why do you think that is?

READ and ASK: Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 2:37-41; Acts 22:14-16; Colossians 2:9-12; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Galatians 5:16-26; Matthew 28:18-20

- Why do you think the subject of baptism has been one that has caused so much debate and division?
 - o How can humility before scripture (particularly passages like these), be unifying?
 - o Taken as a whole, what do you see these passages instructing us to do in response to the gospel? (there is more than one answer)
 - o How does scripture teach us that baptism is our faith response?
 - o What visual does baptism (immersion) give us?
- Bobby Harrington says in his book on baptism, “God is not bound by baptism, but we are bound to uphold it as our norm.” In what ways is this important to remember?
- Why do you think Paul uses language of warning when it comes to believing the gospel and the acts of the flesh?
 - o How should we heed such warnings?
- How do we humbly stay connected with other believers who may adhere to a view held differently than what we see in these texts?

APPLY:

- Share the story of your baptism.
- Do you have any “unfinished business”?
 - o NEXT STEP: What unfinished business do you need to follow through on or how do you need to hold firm to the gospel this week?

Memory Work:

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. - Acts 2:38

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 3:1-19; Daniel 3:1-30; John 9:1-7; Romans 8:18, 28; 1 John 4:8; Revelation 21:1-4