# **Pentecost (Part 4) - Infant Baptism: For You and Your Children?**

Acts 2:38-39

# Instructions

• Will you take your Bibles and turn to [Acts 2:38-39](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac2.38-39)?

• Please search the Scriptures with us. We’re in the New Testament, which is in the last quarter of the Bible. Don’t be afraid to use your index.

• If you don’t have a Bible but have a smartphone, you can download the Y-O-U Version Bible App. Once you download it, you can go to the “More” tab, tap “Events,” and find Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and you can see the Scripture, notes, quotes, and references.

# Context

At Pentecost, in the Apostle Peter’s first sermon, he proclaims that “the promise is for you and your children.” Is this Biblical support for infant baptism?

# The Question

* Does the Bible support infant baptism?

# Bible Verse

**Acts 2:38–39 CSB**

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

### A. Arguments for Infant Baptism (Paedobaptism)

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ baptisms \_\_\_\_ have included infants.

**Acts 16:15 CSB**

After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, “If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

**Acts 16:33 CSB**

He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of continuity between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Arguments for Believer’s Baptism (Credobaptism)

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ baptisms \_\_\_\_\_ have included \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ infants.

Acts 16:30-34, CSB: He escorted them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” And they spoke the Word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house. He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized. He brought them into his house, set a meal before them, and rejoiced because he had come to believe in God with his entire household.

1 Corinthians 7:14, CSB: "For the unbelieving husband is made holy by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy by the husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy."

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of discontinuity between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 2:29 CSB**

On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—by the Spirit, not the letter. That person’s praise is not from people but from God.

Take-Home Truth

## \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is linked to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

# Repent and be baptized

* “Repent and be baptized, each 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)
* Then we read that “So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.” (Acts 2:41).
* Note that only those who received the message of the gospel were baptized and added to the church.

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C. H. Spurgeon, in “Only a Prayer Meeting,” says, “It began with ‘only a prayer-meeting,’ but it ended with a grand baptism of thousands of converts.”