

is important (Ps. 1:2). Think! Then, think some more. Understand the meaning of words. Ask questions. Look deep into the verse. Roll things around in your mind. Memorize a verse and meditate on it throughout the day. 4. Conclusions are important (1 Thess. 5:21-22). Do not be hasty in reaching conclusions. Do not conclude something just because a person you like holds that same conclusion. A conclusion is a big deal. It is when a person settles on the meaning of a verse. Wrong conclusions will lead to error in teaching and incorrect applications to life. 5. Compliance is important (James 1:22-25). The Lord wants us to be doers. It is not enough to have our minds filled with truth. We must communicate that truth to the rest of our body and live it out in our lives. God's Word originated first in the mind of God. God's mind is all-wise. This means that you and I can study the Word of God all of our lives and never mine out all of the precious jewels that are contained therein. We can, however, learn enough to enable us to live lives that are well-pleasing to God. Study, my friend. Then, study some more.

—Victor Eskew, via: FACEBOOK
ARTICLES, June 27, 2025

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YOU CANNOT BE TAUGHT WRONG AND BAPTIZED RIGHT

There is an increase in the number of those who believe that one's baptism is acceptable to God so long as it is an immersion in order to please God. One's understanding of what the Bible teaches concerning baptism and its necessity to receive remission of sins and salvation is no longer considered a hindrance to fellowship and life in Christ. This is a serious mistake, and today's reading helps us to know this.

In [Acts 18:24-28](#), we learn that Apollos was “an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures... and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he only knew the baptism of John.” Apollos had brought a formerly valid but now invalid message to Ephesus. Receiving correction from Aquila and Priscilla, he had departed for Achaia with their endorsement. These events at the end of Acts 18 set

the stage for what we see in today's reading.

Coming afterward to Ephesus, Paul finds certain disciples and inquires of them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” Their reply? “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

Paul immediately recognizes a deficiency in their teaching and understanding. Note that he does not ask IF they had been baptized, but “into what were you baptized?” Learning it was John's baptism, Paul gives them corrective and more complete teaching regarding the baptism of Jesus. Receiving this instruction, these men were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Why would these men be re-
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NEWS AND NOTES

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PANTRY ITEMS July 2025: 6-Toliet Tissue; 13-Bath Soap; 20-Shmpoo; 27-Toothpaste.

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THOSE TO SERVE JULY 2025

Announcements: James

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Mike & Russell

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Closing Prayer AM: 6– Roy; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse; 27-Junior.

Lead Singing: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Mike and Russell

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quired to be immersed again? Because baptism is not a work of man, but a work commanded by God that requires a proper faith. The baptism of Jesus was administered in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ([Matt 28:19](#)). It was commanded with a promise to receive the Holy Spirit ([Acts 2:38](#)). The lack of knowledge of the Holy Spirit was an immediate red flag to Paul.

Finally, [Mark 16:15-16](#) and [Colossians 2:11-13](#) are clear

that there is a requisite faith that precedes biblical baptism. Believing one is already saved prior to baptism is antithetical to Bible teaching, thus there cannot be an appropriate faith in the working of God when one submits to it. Long story short, one cannot be taught an incorrect gospel and have a proper faith to be scripturally baptized.—Author Unknown

–[Acts 19: You can’t be taught wrong and baptized right.](#) – [Burleson Church of Christ](#)

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN
STUDYING YOUR BIBLE *By Victor Eskew*

Bible study is vital to the life of a faithful Christian. The Bible is food. The Bible is water. The Bible is counsel. The Bible is guidance. The Bible is comfort. The Bible is protection. The Bible is authority. Every Christian needs to devote as much time to Bible study as possible. This might mean that the child of God has to give up some worldly things in order to come to a better understanding of God's divine Word. When an individual studies, there are some important things to keep in mind. 1. Context is important (Luke

10:26). The verses before and after a verse are the immediate context. There is also the context of the chapter and of the book. It is also important to keep in mind the context of the entire Bible. 2. Comparisons are important (Isa. 28:10). Before we come to a conclusion on one verse, we need to take a look at everything that Bible has to say on a subject. One verse could alter the meaning of another verse. Too, other Scriptures can shed more understanding upon the immediate verse of study. 3. Contemplation

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