

I Wonder Why:

If baptism is by sprinkling or pouring, **why** Paul said we are “***buried** with him in baptism,*” Col. 2:12. And **why** the eunuch, when being baptized, “*went **down into** the water,*” and then “***came up out** of the water,*” Acts 8:38-39.

If baptism is not necessary to salvation, **why** Peter told the pricked in the heart Jews on Pentecost to “*repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for** the remission of sins,*” Acts 2:38. And **why** Peter also said “*there is also an antitype which **now** saves us—**baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*” I Peter 3:21.

If sinners are justified by “faith only,” **why** James said “*by works a man is justified and **not by faith only**,*” and **why** he also said “*faith without works is **dead**,*” Jas. 2:24,26.

Why many people profess to love God, but refuse to obey God. Do they not know that Jesus said “*If anyone **loves Me**, he **will** keep my word,*” and He also said “*He who not love Me does **not keep** My words,*” John 15:23,24

Why some “Christians” sing “I want to be a worker for the Lord,” but can’t find the time to regularly assemble with the saints to worship God, and make no attempt to win others to the Lord. Do they not know that Jesus said, “*By this My Father is glorified that you bear much fruit; **so** you will be My disciples,*” John 15:8?

Yes, there are many things which cause me to “wonder why,” especially when I see the contradictions between the **professions** of many people and their actual practice. But the “bottom line” is this: what we believe must harmonize with what the **Bible says**, and our **works** must harmonize with our words. Remember, the Scribes and Pharisees? Jesus condemned them because, as He said, “*they **say** and do not do,*” Matt. 23:2.

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