



Focusing on being saved only in the blood of Jesus

At the end of the WCM Gospel Presentation, drawing it to a close, often the fundamentalist will say something like, “But I have already been baptized” or “I’ve already done that!” Refer back to your detailed interview, reminding him of his own story. Remind him he said (pick one),

1. “I don’t remember why I was baptized. I just did what I was told to do.”
2. “I was baptized to join my church.”
3. “I was baptized to show I had been saved.”
4. The most common are, “I am already a Christian,” and “I am already saved; I was saved when I believed in Jesus.”
5. We have been told even, “I was baptized for permission to marry my wife.”

If any one of these responses is the case, the following is good to do:

Dialog

Soul Winner (SW): “Do you remember that you told me in your own words, “I was saved that night during the prayer (referring to the “Sinner’s Prayer)?”

Prospect (P): Yes.

SW: “... and that you told me it occurred (at a certain time) and then you were baptized the next Sunday?”

P: “Yes.”

SW: “May I kindly ask, **‘Can a person be saved outside the blood of Jesus?’**”
“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Eph. 1:7)

Prospect (P): “Why, no.”

SW: In “The Gospel Enacted” point to the cross and ask, “When was the blood of Jesus shed?”
“But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.” (John 19:33-34)

P: “In His death.”

SW: “That’s right. Now, according to the Bible (pointing to Romans 6:3) when do we get into the death of Jesus where the blood was shed? Please read this.”

P: “*Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?*” (Romans 6:3)

SW: “So, it’s into the water, into the death, into the blood of Jesus! Is that correct?”

P: “Yes.”

SW: “So, according to the Bible, our sins must be in the presence of the blood of Jesus for the blood to affect them, or to cancel them! Correct?”

P: “Yes.”

SW: “So, should we bring our sins to the crucified Savior?”

(Support verse for possible backup: “*And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (all the way through the Gospel),” (1 Peter 3:21 NRSV)*

I mean, isn’t it apparent those sins must be present for the blood to do the cleansing?”

(Support verse for possible backup: “*And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*” (Hebrews 9:22)

P: “Yes.”

SW: “So, how could you have been saved on that front seat in that prayer still outside the blood of Jesus?”

P: “I couldn’t!”

SW: “You told me you (pick one):

1. “Didn’t know why you were baptized,” or
2. “Were baptized to join a church,” or
3. “Were baptized to show you had already been saved.”

So, again, can a person be saved outside the blood of Jesus?”

P: “No! I need to be baptized again, don’t I?”

SW: “Well, that is only for you to decide! I am only a teacher of the Gospel. I would recommend, however, that let’s go back to the water, and you (point to the top of the first arrow, draw a stick figure, write the word “sin”) consciously take your sins down into the death of Jesus (point with pen downward to the bottom of the arrow and then to the cross), where the blood was shed.” (Write the word “blood” there; then write the word “sin” there.) Then to make your salvation sure, you can know you have taken your sins to the crucified Savior, Jesus, so that His blood can do its work. Wouldn’t you want to obey the Gospel so that you can go to Heaven?”

Keep silent, and don’t break silence. Don’t comfort until the person answers each question.

SW: You’ve been baptized, but have you obeyed “The Gospel” (2 Tess 1:7-9).

SW: Go back and “Ask the question?”

SW: Again, may I ask, would you please read Acts 22: 16 and give God your response?”