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Colossians 1:21-23

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The Objections To The Necessity Of Baptism:

- Anyone who believes that faith demands action must also believe they are earning salvation with the action.
- If God is the cause of salvation, then there can be nothing that we must do in order to be saved or else we are taking glory away from God.
- Therefore, believing baptism is necessary for salvation is believing that our actions are the cause of salvation which makes salvation a man-centered process and not God-centered.

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*“For we know that **our old self was crucified with Him** so that **the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless** so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a **person who has died to sin is freed from sin.**” (Romans 6:6,7)*

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Our Conclusions:

- God’s powerful working is the **cause** of salvation.
- Baptism through faith is only **correlated** with salvation.

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