

“When Is The Right Time To Be Baptized?”

Lesson Text: **Acts 8:34-36.**

I. What Age Am I Ready To Be Baptized?

- Does The Bible Give A Certain Age?
- Why Not Infants? Safety? **2 Samuel 12:23; Matthew 18:2-4.**
- The Age Of Accountability- Knowing Right From Wrong....
- Some have suggested: When we realize our nakedness (**Gen.3:7**).
- The Mormons say it is 8 years old.
(“Lesson 27: The Age of Accountability,” *Primary 3* (1994), 128–33).
- Some say it is 12, based on Jesus’ experience at the Temple (**Luke 2:41-46**).
- Some say **Deut. 1:39; Isaiah 7:15-16; John 9:41; Rom. 4:15** Teaches It.
- A Look At **Romans 7:7-10**. “Know” (**Vs.7**) to come to an understanding as the result of ability to experience and learn— ‘to come to understand, to perceive, to comprehend.
Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains Vol. 1, p. 381).
- Not A Specific Age, But An Awareness Of Sin.

II. When You Know The Seriousness Of Your Sin.

- It Requires A Conviction Of Our Sin- **Acts 2:32-38; 40-41.**
- David in **Psalms 38:18; Psalm 51:1-4.**
- Your Sins Are Why Jesus Went To The Cross- **John 3:14-17; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 2:9.**
- Only Foolish Ones Make Light Of Sin- **Proverbs 14:9.**
- Some Were Convicted, But Never Obeyed- **Acts 24:24-25; Acts 26:27-28.**

III. When You Know The Conditions Of God’s Forgiveness.

- Hear the gospel, **Jno. 6:44-45; Acts 8:35.**
- Believe in Christ and in His gospel, **John 8:23-24.**
- Confess faith in Jesus Christ, **Romans 10:9-10.**
- Repent of sins, **Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.**
- Be baptized into Christ for remission of sins, **Acts 2:37-38.**
- All Must Be Obeyed From The Heart- **Romans 6:17-18.**

IV. When You Are Ready To Fully Commit To The Lord.

- Jesus Demands A Commitment To Him- **Matthew 16:24-26.**
 - He Will Not Share- **Matthew 6:24; Matthew 6:33.**
- We Must Count The Cost Of Service And Commitment To Jesus-
Luke 14:28-33. Like Marriage, This Is A Lifelong Commitment.

V. Then The Time Is Now!

- When We Know The Seriousness Of Our Sin, Know The Conditions Of God’s Forgiveness, And Are Ready To Fully Commit To Jesus.... The Time Is Now!
- **Hebrews 3:7-8; 2 Cor. 6:2.** As Opposed To: **Acts 24:25-26; 26:28.**
- **Acts 8:36-39; 16:33-34; 22:16.**