

## The “Clean Conscience” Of Baptism

In trying to decide if baptism is essential to salvation, have you ever thought about the connection of conscience and baptism? Hebrews 9:14 says, *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* The blood of Christ cleans the conscience according to this passage. Furthermore, Hebrews 10:22 says, *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”* The Hebrew writer connects having the heart sprinkled with our bodies being washed with water -- clearly a reference to baptism. Finally, 1 Peter 3:21 says, *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”* Connecting it all together, our consciences are clean by the administration of baptism, which connects us to the blood of Christ. Baptism is essential!

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