

## Decent Burial Part 2

**John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."**

**Is baptism a work?** Yes, it's a work of God, not of man. Why is a person saved? Not because they went into a baptistery, but because Jesus died for their sin, and they received that grace through faith. Water baptism is something you submit to by faith, not do as a work. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast."(Eph.2:8-9).

**Well, if I'm saved by grace through faith, why do I need to get baptized?** Well, I told my wife that I loved her, and wanted to spend the rest of my life with her, and she said the same thing. I said, "Will you marry me?" She said, "Yes."

She did not say, "What? You mean go through a formal ceremony? I mean, I love you and want to spend the rest of my life with you. Let's just say a little prayer, and by faith know that we are married."

If my wife would have said the latter statement, do you think I would have reason to believe that she really didn't want to marry me? Or what if I would have said to Amy, "Now my love for you hinges on if you will obey me and marry me!?" Don't you think she would also have reason to question my love?

John 1:12-13 says, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

Baptism is us simply saying, "Yes." To the groom of the Church, Jesus Christ.