



# The Bible Says



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## Sprinkling, Pouring or Immersion

**Question:** “Will sprinkling or pouring water suffice for baptism?” This question sent in by one of our readers brings up a point of concern for many. As we have noted before, the practice of sprinkling water on a person and calling it baptism began in 1311 A.D. It was started by the Roman Catholic Church. Nothing is found in the New Testament that authorized the practice then or would authorize the practice today.

The practice of many denominations today of sprinkling or pouring water on babies and adults (even adults who are unconscious) and calling it baptism is but another perversion of the Scriptures. Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...” Babies and people who are unconscious cannot “confess with their mouth.” “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10).

If God had intended for sprinkling or pouring water to be used He could have so indicated in His Word - The New Testament.

Three separate words are used in the *koine* Greek (the language in which the N. T. was written) for sprinkling, pouring and immersion. The Greek word for sprinkle is *rhan-tizo*. The Greek word for pour is *ballo*. The Greek word for baptize is *baptizo*. Besides, baptism is described in the N. T. as a burial. Colossians 2:12 “Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.”

No, my friends, to teach and practice sprinkling and pouring and call it baptism is **NOT** found **IN** the doctrine of Christ. Remember that John said in, II John 1:9 “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God...” (Underlining for emphasis)

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