

LESSON 2 – Mark 16:15-16

“The Faith & Baptism Connection”

1. The text of Mark 16:9-20 may not have been part of the original Gospel of Mark. Does this affect our understanding of the biblical doctrine of baptism? Why or why not?
2. How are faith and baptism understood to be similar in Mark 16:16? See Acts 2:21; Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Romans 10:9-10 for comparisons.
3. In Mark 16:16, how is baptism related to salvation?
4. Salvation is linked to baptism by the phrase “he who believes and has been baptized shall be saved.” However, baptism is omitted in the next phrase, “he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” Why?
5. When an individual is baptized, he is not so much “obeying a command” as “accepting a promise.” Why is this an important understanding about baptism?