

BEING BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD

1Cor. 15:29 *“Otherwise, what will those do who are **baptized for the dead**? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?* This is a verse the Mormon's try to use to substantiate their religious practice of "baptism of the dead", which makes no sense at all. Here Paul was making a mockery of how the Corinthians were baptizing dead people. He was telling them of their stupid ways that were not biblical. Paul was not sanctioning (agreeing) with this practice. If you go back starting at verse 12 He explains the dead are risen in Messiah.

The subject of this verse is the resurrection. He's trying to convince people that are not sure there is a resurrection that it is so. He's explaining that there has to be a resurrection. Paul is using a logical argument to point out that there must be a resurrection. If not, we may as well just go and do as we please, eat, drink and be merry. Paul is not trying to lay out a new doctrine on what baptism is supposed to be. The whole concept of his argument is that you need to believe in the resurrection or everything else you understand is of no value.

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