

## Some Questions About Your Baptism

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by Bill Crews

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**Acts 8:38** — *“And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”*

**Acts 9:18** — *“And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight: and he arose and was baptized.”* The command he was responding to is found in Acts 22:16 where Paul was recounting his conversion.

**Acts 16:33** — *“And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately.”*

When you were baptized, did you follow these Bible examples? The reason that most churches today have those who desire to be baptized to wait for several days or even a few weeks before they will actually baptize them is because they do not deem the act that important. They are not following Biblical examples in their practice.

## The Greatest Procrastinators in History

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I recently did a Google search of the “greatest procrastinators in history.” No, my name and picture were not there, although they could have been. I admit my propensity for putting things off. I was going to do an article on procrastination last year, but just never got around to it. The internet list included well-known names like Mozart, Frank Lloyd Wright, Leonardo Da Vinci, and President Bill Clinton. Apparently Mozart wrote the overture for his famous opera Don Giovanni the night before it premiered. During the premiere of the opera, the ink on the music sheet had still not dried and it was performed by the orchestra without a rehearsal. President Clinton was known by his aids for finishing up speeches at the last minute. Even Vice President Gore once said that the President was “punctually challenged.” Frank Lloyd Wright once promised to draw up plans for a home of a wealthy entrepreneur, but he kept putting it off. One day he received a call from the man saying that he was going to be in Wright’s city later that day and wanted to see the plans. Wright finished them up in two hours.

Concerning Da Vinci the article said, “Throughout his life, Leonardo Da Vinci created some of the world’s most famous pieces of art. But despite his accomplishments, he wasn’t particularly focused. He only completed 20 total paintings in his lifetime, because much like modern students he got distracted doodling. His most famous work The Mona Lisa took him 16 years to finish. ... Today, many of Da Vinci’s famous works are technically unfinished.”

Are you a procrastinator? In some areas procrastination is harmless. If one never gets around to finishing that project, cleaning the garage, or organizing their recipes, it is not threatening to the soul. But there are some things that are a lot more consequential.

1. **Obedience to the gospel of Christ.** For a variety of reasons people procrastinate in obeying the gospel of Christ. I talked to a lady in China recently that has put off being baptized. She works at Hainan University, and as an employee of the university she is considered a government employee. They ask teachers from time to time if they have any religious faith. She does not want to lie. She does not want to be a hypocrite. But she is afraid of losing her job. These are real life situations, and they are not easy. I wish I could report a “happy ending,” but as of now she is still not a Christian. Folks in our country often procrastinate to obey for lesser reasons.

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