

WATER BAPTISM

Works best when using the King James Version of the Bible

Ephesians 4:5: “One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

An Outward Profession of an Inward Possession

Baptism is a public testimony that a person has trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

It is an outward expression of what has already taken place in the heart.

IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST

Romans 6:5: “For if we have been _____ together in the likeness of his _____, we shall be also in the likeness of his _____.”

Galatians 3:27: “For as many of you as have been _____ into Christ have put on _____.”

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

Read: Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19-20

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Only Believers in Christ

Acts 18:8: “And Crispus, the _____ ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his _____; and many of the Corinthian’s hearing believed, and were _____.”

Acts 2:41: “Then they that gladly _____ his word were _____; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Acts 8:36-37: “...See, here is water; what doth _____ me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest.

And he answered and said, I _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

Acts 16:32-33: “And they spake unto him the _____ of the Lord, and to all that were in his _____.

And he took them the same hour of the _____, and washed their stripes; and was _____.”

Read: Acts 10:44-48

WHEN SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

After Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ

Acts 2:38: “...Repent, and be _____ every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ...”

Acts 8:37-38: “...If thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest.

And he answered and said, I _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of God...

and they went down both into the water... and he _____ him.”

As Soon As Possible After Believing

Acts 2:41: “Then they that gladly _____ his word were _____.”

Acts 16:31-33: “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be _____, and thy house.

And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his _____.

And he took them the same hour of the _____ and washed their stripes; and was

_____, he and all his, straightway.”

IMPORTANT NOTE

Infants are incapable of personally believing, repenting, or confessing faith in Christ.

Because of this, we believe baptism should follow a personal decision to trust Jesus Christ as Savior.

WHY SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

Because Jesus Set the Example

Mark 1:9: “...Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was _____ of John in Jordan.”

Because Jesus Commanded It

Matthew 28:19: “Go ye therefore, and _____ all nations, _____ them in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy _____.”

Because Baptism Pictures Christ's Death and Resurrection

Romans 6:4-5: "Therefore we are _____ with him by _____ into death... we shall be also in the likeness of his _____."

HOW SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

By Immersion in Water: The Greek word "baptizo" appears many times in the New Testament and means:

- to immerse,
- to dip,
- or to place under water.

Matthew 3:16: "And Jesus, when he was _____, went up straightway out of the water..."

John 3:23: "And John also was _____ in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there..."

Acts 8:38-39: "...and they went down _____ into the water... and he baptized him. And when they had come up out of the water..."

"WHAT DOTH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED?"

Acts 8:36: If you have trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, what is keeping you from following Him in baptism?

Final Thoughts

- Baptism does not save a person.
- Salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ.
- However, baptism is an important act of obedience, identification, and public testimony for every believer.

It declares to the world:

- "I belong to Jesus Christ."
 - "I believe He died for my sins."
 - "I believe He rose again."
 - "I want to follow Him."
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If you have questions about baptism or would like to speak with someone, please contact us.

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