

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

*Water baptism according
to the New Testament*

1. Because you want to follow the example of Jesus Christ

*"At the time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."
Mark 1:9*

2. Because Jesus Christ commanded it

"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and make them My disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.'" Matthew 28:19-20

3. Because it shows you are a believer

"...many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized." Acts 18:8

4. Because obeying Christ's commands shows you know Him

"We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands." 1 John 2:3

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...it is the GIFT OF GOD—NOT BY WORKS, so that no one can boast." EPHESIANS 2:8-9



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TO HELP PEOPLE IN
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST
BY WORSHIPPING GOD
CONNECTING WITH OTHERS
& SERVING THE WORLD

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Baptism CELEBRATION



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**"SEE, HERE IS WATER!
WHAT PREVENTS ME
FROM BEING BAPTIZED?"**

ACTS 8:36

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

1. It is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection.

"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...and He rose again." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." Colossians 2:12

2. It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian.

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"By our baptism then we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead also we might live a new life!" Romans 6:4

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has made the decision to believe in Jesus Christ should be baptized.

"Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized." Acts 2:14

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Acts 8:13

The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ! We do not baptize children until they are old enough to understand and believe.

WHEN ARE WE TO BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have believed! You shouldn't delay.

"Those who believed...were baptized...that day!" Acts 2:41

There is no reason to delay. As soon as a person decides to believe in Jesus Christ, he can and should be baptized.

HOW ARE WE TO BE BAPTIZED?

1. Like Jesus—by being immersed in water.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized. He went up out of the water." Matthew 3:16

2. Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

"...then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39

3. The word "baptize" literally means "to dip under water." The Greek work "baptizo" means "to immerse or dip under water."

4. It is the best way to picture burial and resurrection.

*Baptism DOES NOT SAVE YOU,
ONLY YOUR faith in
Jesus Christ DOES THAT.*

Baptism IS LIKE A WEDDING RING,
IT'S THE OUTWARD *symbol*
OF THE COMMITMENT YOU MADE
IN YOUR HEART.

