

SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ and have asked for the forgiveness of your sins: You should be Baptized.

Acts 2:38

“Repent and be Baptized”

Acts 2:41

“Those who accepted his message were Baptized”

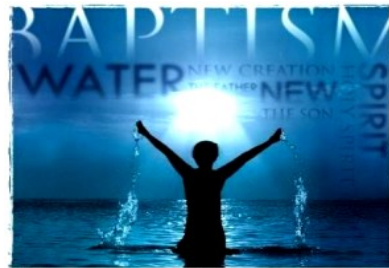
IS BAPTISM IMPORTANT?

1. We begin to read of Baptism in the Gospel’s of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, through a man named John the Baptist, (a Cousin of Jesus). His message is one of repentance and Baptism.
2. While John understood he was not the Christ, he was part of God’s plan. Jesus came to John as in Matthew 3:13 “to be Baptized.”
3. As believers in Christ we want to follow his examples as in Mark 1:9 “ at that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was Baptized by John in the Jordan River.”
4. Jesus commanded it in Matthew 28:19-20 “go and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit: teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

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
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
3. “By our Baptism we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead we might also live a new life!” Romans 6:4
4. Baptism doesn’t make you a believer; it shows that you already are one! Baptism doesn’t “save” you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is an outward expression of the commitment you made in your heart.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...it’s the gift of God– not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9



THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

1. Jesus was Baptized– 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 under water...”then both Philip and the eunuch went down in to 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 immerse or dip under water.”

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

“Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said “Look here is water! Why shouldn’t I be Baptized right now?” Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The official answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip Baptized him.” Acts 8:36-39