

BAPTISM

What is Baptism?

Why is it so important?

Do I need to be Baptized?

To be baptized involves being briefly completely dipped underwater. If you have been Christened as a child that is nice but is not the baptism talked about in the bible. This following study will point out the purpose for baptism and will help you see to be baptized you must understand what is happening. Baptism is not a religious ceremony and it is not a formula of words. It is a life changing event that will change how you walk for Jesus. It is a further act of obedience to Christ.

Baptism an essential part of your Christian walk

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus said the following as He gave what is called the great commission.

Mat 28:19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).

The last words of Jesus in Matthew were to Baptize. So what is baptism all about? Lets begin in Romans 6. This passage is one of the most descriptive explanations of what baptism is. There are many different aspects to baptism as to be baptized is a spiritual event and any spiritual event has many aspects. This study will focus on **BAPTISM** and explain that anyone who has accepted Christ and repented from their sin must be baptized to continue in a overcoming life in Christ.

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

This passage in Romans is a powerful description of what baptism is. Describing the way we begin to overcome sin and enter the fullness of a life in Christ. Verse 2 says *how can one who is dead to sin still live in it*. Salvation or repenting from your sin brings Jesus into your life and you are a new man. The immediate next step should be baptism by immersion. This is because Jesus in you wants to equip you to overcome sin and being baptized is the most important step you will ever take in your walk with Jesus in overcoming sin. As salvation or repentance from sin brings Christ into your life baptism establishes in you Gods foundation of overcoming sin through the relationship you began with Jesus.

Entering the death of Jesus, DEAD to sin

Romans 3:6 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

As you are baptized you are entering the death of Christ. Jesus Christ died on a cross to take away our sin and sickness. When we are baptized we enter into that death and put to death our sin nature in Jesus. *How can anyone who is dead sin any longer*. Your old ways the old you before you found Jesus and were born again, when you are baptized is buried ONCE AND FOR ALL and as pointed out in *Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin*. Baptism sets you free from sin. It is an empowering from heaven to help you break the chains of sin in your life.

New Life in Christ Jesus. I AM NEW!

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Newness of life? Is explained in [Rom 6:7](#) and [Rom 6:8](#) If you have died with Christ through being baptized then we shall live with Him. Because Jesus rose from the dead and as you are baptized you rise again from the water a new man. As a new man you will hear the sound of sin calling with a different set of ears. What once controlled you, Jesus, through baptism gives you the power to live free of. Water speaks of life, the Holy Spirit, and out of the water rises a new you with the life of the Holy Spirit of God in you. Helping you to live as a new person dead to old sinful desires.

When should I be baptized?

It is my firm belief baptism is an empowerment from heaven to overcome sin. Religion says stop sinning and we will baptize you when Romans shows us it is baptism that gives us the power to stop sinning. Religion always demands outward acts that if our relationship with Jesus was correctly placed would just flow from our heart. In Acts 2:37-41 we find 3000 souls came to Jesus and were baptized the same day. In a crowd of 3000 there was probably every imaginable sin, liars, cheats, adulterers. The apostles did not interview them to see if they qualify for baptism but saw that with their repentance they needed baptism to maintain their repentance. To beat sin and live for Jesus.

The only condition the bible puts on baptism is repentance before hand. When you repent and ask Jesus into your life you are forgiven of your sin. Repent, accepted Jesus and be baptized. **Now rise up and be baptized!** In newness of life through baptism, Christ Jesus will help stop sin in you. Jesus Christ in you will show you the old sin ways are now death to the new person after baptism. Remember [Rom 6:7](#) *for he who has died is freed from sin*. Even a new Christian with an understanding of repentance and baptism can beat sin in their life.

[Acts 22:16](#) And now, why do you delay?
Rise and be baptized, and by calling upon
His name, wash away your sins.

Plan to be baptized NOW!

We would love to help you on your journey with Jesus.
For further questions or to arrange to be *baptized*.

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Additional study

Baptism

John's

Mat 3:5-8; Mat 3:11; Mat 3:13-16; Mar 1:8-10; Luk 3:7-8; Joh 10:40; Mat 21:25;
Mar 11:30; Luk 20:4; Mar 1:4-5; Luk 3:12; Luk 3:21; Luk 7:29-30; Joh 1:25-26;
Joh 1:28; Joh 1:31; Joh 1:33; Joh 3:23; Act 1:5; Act 1:22; Act 10:37; Act 11:16;
Act 19:3-4

Christian

Mat 28:19; Mar 16:16; Joh 3:5; Joh 3:22; Joh 4:1-2; Act 1:5; Act 1:22; Act 2:38;
Act 2:41; Act 8:12-13; Act 8:16; Act 8:36-38; Act 9:18; Act 10:46-48; Act 16:14-15;
Act 16:33; Act 18:8; Act 18:25; Act 19:4-5; Act 22:16; Rom 6:3-4; 1Co 1:13-17;
1Co 10:1-2; 1Co 12:13; 1Co 15:29; Gal 3:27; Eph 4:5; Eph 5:26; Col 2:12; Heb 6:2;
1Pe 3:18; 1Pe 3:21

Baptism

As administered by John

Mat 3:5-12; Joh 3:23; Act 13:24; Act 19:4;

Sanctioned by Christ's submission to it
[Mat 3:13-15](#); [Luk 3:21](#);

Adopted by Christ
[Joh 3:22](#); [Joh 4:1](#); [Joh 4:2](#);

Appointed an ordinance of the Christian church
[Mat 28:19](#); [Mat 28:20](#); [Mar 16:15](#); [Mar 16:16](#);

To be administered in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
[Mat 28:19](#);

Water, the outward and visible sign in
[Act 8:36](#); [Act 10:47](#);

Regeneration, the inward and spiritual grace of
[Joh 3:3](#); [Joh 3:5](#); [Joh 3:6](#); [Rom 6:3](#); [Rom 6:4](#); [Rom 6:11](#);

Remission of sins, signified by
[Act 2:38](#); [Act 22:16](#);

Unity of the Church effected by
[1Co 12:13](#); [Gal 3:27](#); [Gal 3:28](#);

Confession of sin necessary to
[Mat 3:6](#);

Repentance necessary to
[Act 2:38](#);

Faith necessary to
[Act 8:37](#); [Act 18:8](#);

There is but one
[Eph 4:5](#);

ADMINISTERED TO

Individuals
[Act 8:38](#); [Act 9:18](#);

Households
[Act 16:15](#); [1Co 1:16](#);

Only to professing believers
[Act 2:38](#); [Mat 3:6](#); [Mar 16:16](#); [Act 8:12](#); [Act 8:37](#); [Act 10:47](#); [Act 10:48](#);

Administered by immersing the whole body of the person in water
[Mat 3:16](#); [Act 8:38](#); [Act 8:39](#);

Emblematic of the influences of the Holy Spirit
[Mat 3:11](#); [Tit 3:5](#);

Typified
[1Co 10:2](#); [1Pe 3:20](#); [1Pe 3:21](#);