

Water Baptism

I. WHAT IS BAPTISM?

A. Baptism (Greek – Baptizo) – to make whelmed; or in modern English, fully wet.

II. WHY SHOULD WE BE BAPTISED?

A. A Command

Matthew 28:19-20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:....”

(Although it is not the new birth, it is essential because Jesus told the apostles to baptize everyone. Then He said to tell all to observe (or keep) everything that He commanded, that includes baptism.)

B. Definitions:

1. Identification -

- a. an identifying or being identified
- b. Something used to identify a person or thing

2. Identify -

- a. Recognize as being, or show to be, a certain person or thing; prove to be the same
- b. make the same; treat as the same
- c. connect closely; link; associate (with)

C. For Identification Purposes

1. Jesus identified Himself with us

- a. Matthew 3:1-17
- b. Although Jesus was without sin, He set a precedent in

His ministry: by identifying Himself with sinners, by going through the same ceremony that John was preaching to the people of Israel.

Thus, fulfilling all righteousness under the Old Covenant prophet.

c. Jesus never tells us to do something that He, Himself, has not

already done.

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2. We are to identify with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

a. Romans 6:3-5

b. Colossians 2:12 Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the

operation of God,

who hath raised Him from the dead.

c. Romans 6:11

C. An outward sign of an inward work.

D. Put On Christ

Galatians 3:27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

III. WHEN WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

A. Baptism should follow our new birth.

1. Acts 8:36-38 "...I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God ... and he baptized him (the eunuch)..."

2. Acts 2:41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized..."

3. Acts 8:12 "But when they believed...the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women.

4. Acts 18:8 "And Crispus, ...believed on the Lord with all his house; ...and were baptized."

IV. HOW WE ARE TO BE BAPTIZED?

A. Completely being immersed in water.

1. Romans 6:1-11 (as a burial)

a. You are burying the old man.

b. Anything that is dead is buried lest it stinketh.

2. Bible examples:

a. Matthew 3:16 “And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:...”

b. Mark 1:9-10

c. Acts 8:38-39 “And when they (Philip baptizing the eunuch) were come up out of the water,....”

B. In the Name of Jesus

1. Matthew 28:19 “... baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”

2. Acts 2:38a “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ.”

3. Acts 8:16 “...only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

4. Acts 10:48a “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

SUMMARY:

WE ARE TO BE BAPTIZED;

1. As an act of obedience (to Jesus' command).

2. To identify with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.
3. As an outward sign of an inward work.
4. To put on Christ.