

Where did baptism begin?

baptize (baptizo) - to "wash," "dunk," "dip," "plunge," "submerge," or "immerse."

Luke 11:37-38

"When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee, noticing that Jesus did not first **wash** before the meal, was surprised.

Acts 19:4-5

"Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus."

Baptism is my _____ declaration of a new association.

Why should I be baptized?

1. To follow the example set by _____.

Mark 1:9

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."

2. Because Christ _____ it.

Matthew 28:19

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

What is the significance of baptism?

1. It symbolizes my being _____ with Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

2. It symbolizes my new _____ in Christ.

Romans 6:4

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Is baptism required for Salvation?

1. _____.

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

Mark 16:16

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

2. But it is not _____.

Matthew 28:19

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:41

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“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number *that day.*”

Is baptism required for membership at New Vision?

1. _____.

“Local Christian communities, called churches, are built around shared Biblical convictions, some of which are essential for salvation and some of which are not. We do not define our covenant life together only by the narrowest possible set of beliefs one must have to be saved. We believe rather that the importance of truth and the authority of Scripture are better honored when communities of Christian faith define themselves by clusters of Biblical convictions and stand by them, rather than redefining the meaning of membership each time one of their convictions is disputed. When different Christian communities can do this while expressing love and brotherly affection for other believers, both truth and love are well-served.”

-John Piper

What's the Big Deal?