

The Importance of Being Baptized

I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by _____

Mark 1:9

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

2. Because Christ _____ it

Matthew 28:19-20

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, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

3. It demonstrates that I really am a _____

Acts 18:8b

...and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.

1 John 2:3

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

II. What Is the Meaning of Baptism?

1. Baptism illustrates a new _____

2. It illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection

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, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Colossians 2:12

...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

3. It illustrates my _____ as a Christian

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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.

III. Why Be Baptized by Immersion?

1. Because _____ was baptized that way

Matthew 3:16a

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.

2. Every baptism in the _____ was by immersion

3. The word "baptize" means to "_____ water"

IV. Who Should Be Baptized?

1. Every person who has _____ in Christ

Acts 2:41a

Those who accepted his message were baptized,

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

V. When Should I Be Baptized?

1. As soon as you have _____!

Acts 8:35-38

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" ³⁷Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.