

SACRED TRUTHS

What is Baptism?

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The word “Baptize” means to plunge, dip or immerse

See Mark 1:5, 10

See Acts 8:36-39

Being baptized was to be immersed or completely put under water, then brought back up again.

Baptism is about three things:

Identification

Baptism is a symbolic identification for us with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

See Romans 6:23

“When a believer goes under the water, it is a picture of going down into the grave and being buried. Coming up out of the water is then a picture of being raised with Christ to walk in newness of life.” (Grudem’s Systematic Theology pg 968)

See Col. 2:12

Who should be baptized?

See Acts 2:41

See Acts 8:12

Baptism as an outward sign of an inward regeneration

See Gal. 3:27

False doctrine regarding baptism:

Baptism causes salvation John 3:5; Ezekiel 36: 25-27

See 1 Peter 3:21

- Not as a removal of dirt from the body
- But as an appeal to God from a good conscience

See Titus 3:5

See Col. 2:12

See Eph. 2:8-9

See Hebrews 9:14

Obedience

See Matthew 28:19

Being obedient to the Lord's requests is the clear way to show our love for the Lord (1 John 2:3)

Testimony

Baptism is a believer's opportunity to publicly profess their personal faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and the trust and confidence in the work of Christ on their behalf.

Baptism is also a believer's chance to declare their continual quest to live for Christ and to glorify Him in walking in newness of life.

See Colossians 3:1-3

- Confession
- Symbolism

Small Group Questions

- Have you ever been baptized? When what did you say? What does that mean to you?
- Would you ever be baptized again?
- By being baptized, what do you want people to know?
- Since coming to faith in Jesus Christ, how has Jesus Christ changed you?
- What do you hope to declare by being baptized?