

WATER baptism

(Various Scriptures)
Sunday, March 11, 2018

We want you to be informed and inspired!

What? (*Acts 8:36; Matthew 3:1-15, 10:32, 28:19; Acts 2:41, 8:36-39, 9:18, 10:47, 16:33, 18:8, 19:4-5; Luke 22:19; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7; Romans 10:9-10; Mark 16:16*)

1. Water Baptism is an ordinance of Jesus Christ by which those who have been saved by grace through faith express (by water immersion) their **UNION** with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.
2. Baptism points back to Jesus' finished work and signifies **OUTWARDLY** what has already taken place **INWARDLY**.

Who? (*Acts 2:38; Colossians 2:12; Galatians 3:26-27*)

3. **BELIEVER'S** Baptism: Baptism is only for those who have received Christ as Savior.
4. Baptism is symbolic, but it is **MORE** than 'just' a sign.

Why? (*James 1:22; Matthew 28:19; Joshua 6; John 14:15; 1 John 2:4, 5:3*)

5. Baptism is an act of **OBEDIENCE** to Christ!

(Why not?) (*1 Corinthians 1:14-17; 1 John 1:9*)

6. Baptism cannot **SAVE** you.
7. Baptism cannot **CLEANSE** you from sin or **RELEASE** you from sinful habits.

When?

8. Water baptism is the **NEXT STEP** after salvation and the normal confession of salvation in the New Testament.

Where?

9. **ANYWHERE** there is **WATER!** (*And preferably with brothers and sisters around you celebrating!*)

How? (*Matthew 28:19...Just memorize Matthew 28:19 :-)*)

10. We **IMMERSE**, and in the **NAME** of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Taking it further to help you **THRIVE...**

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
 2. Baptism is symbolic, but why should we consider it more than 'just' a sign?
 3. Why do people wait to be baptized? Are there reasons we should wait? Should not wait?
 4. What message does water baptism convey that words alone cannot?
 5. Share the story of your own water baptism. (Have you been baptized as a believer? If not, would you consider taking this *next step*??)