

## “Water Baptism”

### **\*It's a matter of the Heart (Following Jesus).**

Matthew 3:13-17 (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, **to be baptized** of him.

<sup>14</sup> But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer (allow) it to be so now: for thus it becometh us **to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him.

<sup>16</sup> And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

<sup>17</sup> And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (obedience pleases the Father)

**John 8:29** (KJV)

<sup>29</sup> And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; **for I do always those things that please him.**

### **\*It's a matter of obedience to the command of JESUS.**

**Matthew 28:18-20** (The Message)

**Jesus**, undeterred, went right ahead and **gave his charge**: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: **Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you.** I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

### **Acts 2:37-38** (TPT)

When they heard this they were crushed and realized what they had done to Jesus. Deeply moved, they said to Peter and the other apostles, “What do we need to do, brothers?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “**Repent and return to God, and each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to have your sins removed.** Then you may take hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**\*It is a matter of relationship and a new identity in Jesus.**

### **Galatians 3:26-28** (NASB)

For you are all **sons and daughters of God through faith in Christ Jesus.** <sup>27</sup> **For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is <sup>[a]</sup>neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

### **Galatians 4:4-5** (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under <sup>[a]</sup>the Law, <sup>5</sup> so that He might redeem those who were under <sup>[b]</sup>the Law, **that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters.**

### **Galatians 2:19-20** (New Century Version)

<sup>19</sup> It was the law that put me to death, and I died to the law so that I can now live for God. <sup>20</sup> I was put to death on the cross with Christ, and I do not live anymore—it is Christ who lives in me. **I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself to save me.**

**\*It is a prophetic act picturing the reality of our full embracement of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus our Savior.**

**Romans 6:3-6** (New Century Version)

<sup>3</sup> Did you forget that **all of us became part of Christ when we were baptized?** **We shared his death in our baptism.** <sup>4</sup> **When we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. So, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the wonderful power of the Father, we also can live a new life.**

<sup>5</sup> Christ died, and we have been joined with him by dying too. So we will also be joined with him by rising from the dead as he did. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross so that our sinful selves would have no power over us and we would not be slaves to sin.