



# Baptism in the Bible

Acts 8:26-40

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## What About Baptism?

### *Who Should Be Baptized and When Should A Person Be Baptized?*

1. Every person who believes Christ died for their sin and receives Christ into their hearts - but when they believed, ...they were baptized, Acts 8:12
2. Baptism always followed salvation in the Bible - those who accepted his message were baptized, Acts 2:41

### *Why Should A Person Be Baptized?*

1. Because Jesus set the example - Jesus...was baptized by John, Mark 1:9
2. Because Jesus commanded it - ...baptizing them, Matt 28:19-20
3. Because baptism signifies our obedience to Christ - baptizing them, Matt 28:19-20
4. Because baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ - having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him, Col 2:12
5. Because baptism symbolizes the believer's new life in Christ - ...we to may live a new life, Rom 6:4
6. Because baptism symbolizes our unity with Christ and fellow believers - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, Eph 4:5

### *What is the Meaning of Baptism?*

Baptism has no saving grace but it is important because it is a symbol of the believer's new life in Christ. It means you have:

1. Repented (turned away from) your sin - repent and be baptized, Acts 2:38
2. Believed in Jesus and accepted Him as your personal Savior - John=  
baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe...in Jesus, Acts 19:4
3. Started a new life with Christ - ...we to may live a new life, Rom 6:4

### *Why Should We Be Baptized by Immersion?*

1. The word baptize means to immerse - John also was baptizing...because there was plenty of water, John 3:23
2. Jesus was baptized by immersion - as soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water, Matt 3:16
3. Only immersion symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ - we were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, Rom 6:4