

# EPHESIANS

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## THE WONDER OF "ONE BAPTISM"

It's rare to do a message on only two words, at least for this pastor, but today is one of those days. The two words are found in [Ephesians 4:5](#) and they are ... **one baptism**. Now quite truthfully, the reason I'm devoting an entire message to this specific phrase is because of something said in the small group that Becky and I are part of on Sunday nights. Our Sunday evening group was reviewing and discussing the morning message from [Ephesians 4:3-6](#). Jeremy Younquist, who leads the group, said in his always kind and encouraging manner, "Hey PJ, I don't know if you realized this, but this morning when you mentioned **one baptism**, you actually kinda did a *mini message* on baptism!" Hmm, I hadn't thought about it, but as soon as Jeremy said it, I knew he was right. And here's the unusual thing, all during this past week, not only was I unable to get Jeremy's words out of my head, but I also kept sensing that the Holy Spirit was asking me to devote a *whole message* to what the Bible says about baptism. Well then, here we are, a complete sermon on just two words: **one baptism**. God has placed so much meaning into this little term duo. Today we're going to unpack the truth of these two words and see where the Holy Spirit of God takes us as we do.

### THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

1. ([Acts 8:36-38](#)) "Baptism" describes a water ritual ...
2. ([1 Peter 3:21](#)) "Baptism" describes one's decision to ...
3. ([1 Corinthians 12:13](#)) "Baptism" describes a specific ministry of ...

### THE MESSAGE OF BAPTISM

#### - Broad Sense

#### - Precise Sense

1. ([Matthew 28:19](#)) It Shows ...
2. ([Romans 6:4](#)) It Shows ...
3. ([1 Corinthians 12:13](#)) It Shows ...
4. ([Ephesians 1:4-14](#)) It Shows ...

### THE MOMENT OF BAPTISM

### THE METHOD OF BAPTISM

### THE MAGNITUDE OF BAPTISM

1. When you're baptized, you are a ...
2. ([Acts 1:8](#)) When you're baptized, you remind the Church ...
3. ([2 Peter 3:9](#)) When you're baptized, you tell the world ...
4. ([John 14:15](#)) When you're baptized, you tell Jesus ...

### THE MANDATE OF BAPTISM

### FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. After your brief message review, begin your group by reading the account of the Ethiopian man's conversion and baptism in [Acts 8:26-39](#). What makes the story so great and how does this correlate with what we learned about baptism from the message? Why do you think the man "[went on his way rejoicing](#)"? What did you feel after your baptism?
2. Now take a look at [Romans 6:4-11](#) and read it aloud also. This is one of greatest passages in the New Testament explaining the true meaning behind the symbolism that water baptism is meant to convey. Paul is helping us to understand our *new life in Christ*. What are the things this new life rids us of, and what are the things this new life blesses us with? Can you see why Jesus considered the act of His followers being baptized to be so important as a tool for communicating how He transforms lives?
3. PJ described the *magnitude* of being baptized after you come to faith in Jesus as being *massively huge*. What reasons did he give for saying this? When it comes to someone being baptized, can you see why it is so important for them to know what they're doing beforehand? Did you know what you were doing when you got baptized? When a Christian gets baptized, what is that person communicating to everyone who witnesses their baptism? Who witnessed your baptism?
4. What reasons do people have for not being baptized? Do they really hold water? Pun intended! 😊 If you have not been baptized as a believer, what did you learn from this message that would help you take this step of believer's baptism?

**A WORD:** After hearing this message, if you would like to be baptized as a believer, please let the church office know. We're hoping to schedule baptisms in the near future. And by the way, there are times when folks who were baptized as believers feel a need to actually be re-baptized. This often happens when people feel they didn't know what they were doing when they got baptized the first time, or they have experienced a return to the Lord after a time of straying. If that's where you currently are, let the office know as well.