



The Core - What do you need to know about Water Baptism?

Message to Conversation Guide

It was a _____ experience of all individuals in the New Testament.

Acts 2:38-41

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call." 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

100 % of the people that accepted Christ on the day of Pentecost were water baptized!

It was the _____ thing that every believer in the New Testament did after they received Jesus.

Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. NIV

Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days. NIV

*There was no **gap** in time between conversion and water baptism in the NT*

It is _____ then christening or infant baptism.

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Authentic Baptism requires conscious awareness of sin and the need to change.

It pictures the _____ of the old sinful person you used to be.

Rom 6:3-4

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore **buried** with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. NIV

Col 2:12

12 **having been buried with him in baptism** and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. NIV

Gal 3:26-27

26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 **for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** NIV

*Baptism isn't something you check off the list but something that you **remember** for the rest of your life.*

Baptism is a _____ profession that you are a follower of Jesus

Mark 8:38

38 If anyone is **ashamed of me** and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." NIV (also see **Luke 9:26**)

Public identification with Jesus brings power and strength to you walk with the Lord!

It should be _____ as the most important moment in your life.

Ex 15:20

20 Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, **with tambourines and dancing.** NIV

Victory over the power of sin should be marked with radical celebration.