

WHAT BAPTISM IS ALL ABOUT

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While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. ² “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them.

“No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked.

And they replied, “The baptism of John.”

⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.”

⁵ As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:1–6 (NLT)

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED

1. It is my very **FIRST STEP**.

“So Philip began with this same Scripture and then used many others to tell him about Jesus. As they rode along, they came to a small body of water, and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! Why can’t I be baptized?” “You can,” Philip answered, “if you believe with all your heart.” And the eunuch replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” He stopped the chariot, and they went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” (Acts 8:35–38, The Living Bible)

2. It is the symbol of my **FRESH START**.

...when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. (Romans 6:3-4, NLT)

3. It is my personal **FAITH STATEMENT**.

“Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33, NLT)

LAST THOUGHT

Scriptural baptism is when I am fully **IMMERSED**
AFTER I have become a Christian

as a SYMBOL of my personal salvation.