



Bible study for the week starting April 28, 2024

SHARE

Who remembers either his/her own baptism or the baptism of a friend or family member? Share what made an impression on you?

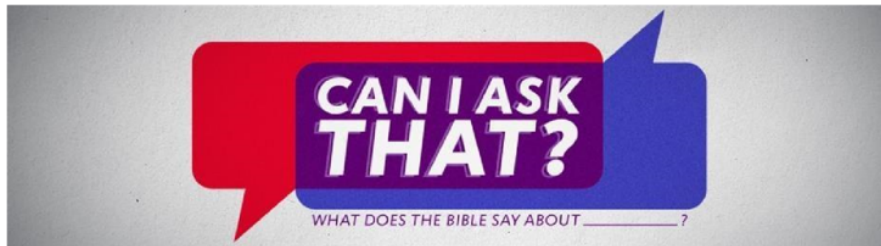
In one of the readings on Sunday, Philip's sharing of the good news about Jesus included something about baptism. Has baptism come up during your sharing of the good news? Why or why not?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **1 Peter 3:18-22** OK, a lot of stuff in this passage, but focus on the part about baptism. What OT event does Peter say corresponds to baptism?
 - a. Have someone in the group summarize this event.
 - b. How is this event a baptism of sorts?
 - c. What theological principle does Peter make about baptism?
 - d. What other things does the story of the flood and the ark help us to understand about baptism?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 10:1-2** What OT event does Paul see corresponding to baptism?
 - a. Again, have someone in the group summarize this event.
 - b. How is this event a baptism of sorts?
 - c. What similarities do you see in the crossing of the Red Sea with what happens in baptism?
 - d. What light would this event share on infant baptism?
3. E. Schlink wrote, "Because God saved the baptized, He calls for the "activity of salvation". What do you think this means for our lives? Connecting to last week's topic, how might our activity of salvation be an influencer in culture?

PRAY

Pray for the world in which we live. For the brokenness and those that are far from the Lord and opportunities to engage culture with the Gospel!



CAN I ASK THAT ABOUT BAPTISM?

Acts 8:26-40

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Philip opened his mouth beginning with this scripture he told him the GOOD NEWS about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See here is water! What prevent me from BEING BAPTIZED?” (Acts 8:36)

The Ethiopian realized that baptism was the vehicle (MEANS OF GRACE) through which he would be made a disciple; and he was not content to live another moment without being CONNECTED to the good news of Jesus Christ.

In his appointment with Philip, the Ethiopian learned:

- Jesus is the SON OF GOD
- Jesus COMMANDED baptism
- Baptism connects us to JESUS
- Baptism carries with it the promise to receive the HOLY SPIRIT

Baptism is GOD’S WORK:

- New LIFE
- New NAME
- Released from the COMPULSION to sin

“As long as the problem of infant baptism is seen exclusively in the problem area of TEMPORAL SEQUENCE of faith and baptism, only the surface is being considered.” - E. Schlink