



July 26th, 2026 "BAPTIZED"

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

Because water baptism holds such a deep and profound meaning, we should pay attention to what the Word of God directs concerning it.

Matthew 3:13-17, Romans 6:3-5

*The first thing Jesus did to begin His ministry on earth concerned **baptism**, and the last thing He said to His disciples before He left the earth also concerned **baptism**.*

Matthew 28:18-20

✦ Water baptism is spiritually symbolic of the old sinful life being put to death and being raised to new life in Jesus Christ.

1. Baptism is **not** salvation.

✦ To believe that Water Baptism is Salvation is to believe in a **different** Gospel.

Salvation is by God's grace **alone**, comes through faith **alone**, and is in Christ **alone**.

✦ **By Grace Alone:** Ephesians 2:8-9

✦ **Through Faith Alone:** Romans 3:28, Romans 10:9,10

✦ **In Christ Alone:** John 14:6

Acts 16:29-33

✦ **Why should a person be baptized?**

1. Because Jesus was baptized. **1 Peter 2:21b**

2. Because Jesus commanded it. **John 14:15**

3. Because it is transformative. **Romans 6:5-6**

4. Because it pleases God. **1 John 3:22**

5. Because it testifies. **Psalms 107:2**

6. Because it is symbolic. **Colossians 2:12**

7. Because it affirms our salvation. **Colossians 1:27**

✦ **CHALLENGE:** "What hinders you from being baptized?"

Acts 8:36 NKJV

What Jesus did on the cross... wasn't symbolic—His blood actively "redeems" or "buys back" those held captive by sin, effecting genuine liberation rather than nominal deliverance.

✦ Water Baptism speaks and affirms of the very day a person trusted in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

✦ All scripture is taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.