

Christianity 101

Baptism:

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Matthew 28:19-20

One statement and 2 questions?

I. What is Baptism

A. What does the word mean?

MEANING OF BAPTISM What does it really mean?

The word “baptize” itself means to submerge, to plunge or to dip.

It was not originally a religious word; it was a common word in the Greek language.

It was a word used to describe a piece of cloth dipped in dye to change its color or when women who took their dishes and “baptized” or washed her dishes in the river.

Through the years, that word “baptize” has come to mean something strictly religious, when to begin with, it was just an ordinary word, to plunge, to dip.

It does not mean sprinkle, that’s a completely different Greek word, *rhantizo* or *rhantizomai* that’s the word to sprinkle water on someone, to splash water on someone. And that is never used in the ceremony of Christian baptism.

Matthew 3:6 and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

“They were being baptized by him, not with the water from the Jordan River, but in the Jordan River. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River.”

And how much into the river did they go?

Matthew 3:16 When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him,^a and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.,

He came up out of the water.

II. When should baptism occur?

Baptism should happen right after salvation.

Acts 2:41 ⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

Acts 8:12 ¹² But when they believed Philip, as he proclaimed the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:35-36 ³⁵ Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.

³⁶ As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, "Look, there's water. What would keep me from being baptized?"

Acts 9:18 ¹⁸ At once something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

Acts 10:44-48 ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues^[a] and declaring the greatness of God.

Then Peter responded, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water and prevent these people from being baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ He commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for a few days.

We should never confuse baptism with salvation

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At the cross/not at the creek!

Eph 2:8-10 ⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Salvation and the ambulance. They don't need our help just a willingness to admit we are sick!

Rom 10:13¹³ For **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**^[a]

Recent crash scenario in India?

-----Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1, "I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius. Now let me tell you something. If baptism saved, Paul would have been baptizing everybody. He said, "I did baptize the household of Stephanas, beyond that I don't know whether I baptized anybody else. Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel." This is a disclaimer on Paul's part for any saving virtue in H2O. We save that in baptism here all the time. JM

III. Why should we be baptized?

It's an act of obedience

Jesus said it was the right thing to do!

Mark 1:9_In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. ¹⁰ As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

Baptism separates the tire kickers from the car buyers.

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It's an act of identification. (Rebranding)

Gal 2:20 ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body,^[a] I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

It's a picture of being a new person

Its an act of telling (aka witnessing)

Matt 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,^[b] I am with you always,^[c] to the end of the age."

It is a witness to others

Many see and are stirred

III. What happens if I am saved and do not get baptized?

We need to ask ourselves a few questions.

Are we ashamed of Jesus?

Matt 10:32 ³² "Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

We should want to tell!

Are we too prideful?

Why are we not willing to do the most basic act of obedience?

Of all the things commanded to do this is the one we cannot lie about.

Lust/Greedy/Glutton We can hide these

IV. Should we ever be “re-baptized”?

Yes...If

We were saved after we were baptized.

We don't bury folks before they die!

We were never a choice.

Infant

Not their choice

Not in the Bible

Forced by momma

Clearly saved after we were baptized

We were never baptized the way Jesus was. (Immersion)

Close:

Just as a wedding celebrates the fusion of two hearts, baptism celebrates the union of sinner with Savior.

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