

Baptism in Water

First step of ***Obedience***
as a ***Christian***



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I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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1. **How Strongly does the Bible say that Immediate Baptism in Water is Essential?**

The Bible verses are so strong! Do we **DENY** Jesus **publicly** or do we let the **world know** that we **now Belong** to Jesus?

(Expanded study in chap. 1 – pg. 1)

2. **Why is it important to be Immersed in Water?**

This is essential to show that we understand Salvation.

(Expanded study in chap. 2 – pg. 3)

3. **If I was baptized as an infant, do I need to be baptized again?**

There is a huge difference, Biblically, between Baby Dedication and a Personal Commitment to Salvation as a person.

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Chap. 1

How **Strongly** does the Bible say that **Immediate** Baptism in Water is **Essential**?

**Mt. 10:33 But whoever *denies Me* before *men, him*
I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.**

The Bible is very strong and clear that Baptism in Water is the **FIRST** step of **Obedience** for **every** Christian. The Bible also makes it clear that this act of being **Publicly Immersed** in Water is an **Identification** with **Christ** in his death and resurrection.

When we are **Baptized in Water**, we let the **entire world** know that we now **Belong to Jesus!**

In extremist Muslim societies, you can “Call Yourself” a Christian and receive no repercussions. However the minute you get Baptized in Water, your life is in great danger, and you may be killed for your faith.

Muslims are very aware that calling yourself a “Christian” has no weight or value unless you are willing to publicly identify with Jesus in his death and resurrection through Baptism in Water.

Please notice the **IMMEDIATE response to Salvation** in **EVERY** Bible verse that mentions **Baptism in Water**.

Acts 2:38 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.

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were *baptized*, and about three thousand were added to their number.

*Acts 8:12 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.*

*Acts 8: 36-37 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. **Why shouldn't I be baptized?**" Philip said, "**If you believe with all your heart**, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.".*

*Acts 9:18 Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was **baptized**.*

*Acts 16:15 When she and the members of her household **were baptized**, she invited us to her home.*

*Acts 16:33 the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then **immediately** he and all his family were **baptized**.*

*Acts 18:8 Many of the Corinthians who heard him **believed and were baptized**.*

*Acts 19:5 On hearing this they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*Acts 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? **Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away**, calling on his name.*

Chap. 2

Why is it important to be **Immersed** in Water?

Before you go too far in this booklet, may I ask if you have read the booklet titled:

“Will Half-way Christians go to Hell?”

That booklet gives great clarity on the covenant of salvation. One of the main reasons why there are so **many** that **claim** to be Christians but will **NOT** be in **heaven** is because they do **NOT understand** the subject of us **DYING** with Christ.

When I go **UNDER** that water, I am **DYING** to ever again being in control or ruling my own life.

When I come up **OUT** of that water, I am telling the world that I am a **NEW CREATION** resurrected with Christ.

The word **“Baptism”** in the **original Greek language** of the New Testament literally means to **immerse**.

*Col. 2:12 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.*

*Rom. 6:3-4 Or don't you know that all of us who were
baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized** into **his**
death? ⁴We 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**.*

Chap. 3

If I was **baptized** as an **infant**,
do I **need** to be baptized **again**?

Baptizing infants was a practice that originated from the practice of **dedicating** babies to the Lord. This is what Hannah did with her baby son Samuel in I Samuel 1. Dedicating a baby to the Lord as an infant is a **beautiful** and **meaningful** ceremony. It is a time of **asking** the **Lord** to guide and **protect** this child and to help the parents bring this child to Christ.

However, it is very important for each person to make a **personal decision** to be water baptized as a declaration to the world that they have **personally received** Jesus as their Savior. This is why the scriptures indicate that it was **AFTER** a decision for Christ that the person was Water Baptized.

*Mt. 28:19 Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations,
baptizing them*

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

*Lk. 3:3 He went into all the country...preaching a **baptism** of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Acts 10:47 Then Peter said, "Can anyone **keep these**
people from being baptized with water?*

*They have **received the Holy Spirit** just as we have."*

*Gal. 3:27 for all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have
clothed yourselves with Christ.*

*I Pt. 3:2 this **water symbolizes baptism** that now saves
you also—not the removal of dirt from the body
but the **pledge of a good conscience toward God**.*

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Chap. 4

Other Questions!**i. If I have **re-dedicated** my life, should I get **RE-Baptized**?**

Generally, yes! There are many people who move from a state of being unsure to very sure that they are ready to follow Christ, and they declare this through being re-baptized.

ii. How **old does a **child** have to be to be Water Baptized?**

The child must be old enough to understand that: they are a sinner, that Christ died for their sins, and that by receiving Jesus free gift of eternal life they are going to heaven. For some children this happens as young as 4-5 years old. Whenever you are unsure, it helps greatly to go carefully and thoroughly through this study with your child.

“Will Half-way Christians go to Hell?”

This study breaks down the covenant of salvation so clearly that a child can fully grasp the concept.

iii. How do I get Water Baptized at **this church?**

All that is necessary is to let our WELCOME STAFF know that you are ready to be water baptized.

They will walk you through all the details and serve you cheerfully through the entire process. They will answer all your questions, schedule with you and confirm the date. They will meet with you upstairs and show you the changing room, the extra towels and the nice warm water baptismal.

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