

The background of the slide features a close-up, artistic shot of water. Numerous bubbles of various sizes are visible, some in sharp focus and others blurred. A soft, ethereal light gradient transitions from a pale, almost white glow on the left side to a deep, vibrant blue on the right, creating a serene and aquatic atmosphere.

**WATER BAPTISM  
FOR TODAY:  
WHAT ARE YOU  
WAITING FOR?**

**3-12-2023**

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

- **A Wedding Ring Is A Symbol Of Marriage.**
- **Water Baptism Is A Symbol Of Being Saved**
  
- ***Wearing A Wedding Ring Does Not Make You Married***
- ***Being Baptized Does Not Make You Saved***

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

**In The Early Church There Was No Such Thing As A Christian Who Was Not Baptized**

- **Acts 2:38 (NIV) — 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.
- **Water Baptism Is An Important Step Of Following After Christ**
- **“As Soon As You Believe -- You're Baptized In Water”**

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

## **Baptism Is A Symbol Of A Brand-New Life**

- If You Are Believer In Christ, You Need To Get Baptized At The First Opportunity.

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**We Want To Follow The Pattern Of Jesus And Be Baptized In Water; AND – Go and Make Disciples and Baptize Them**

- **Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV) — 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*, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

# WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

## ACCOUNTS OF JESUS BEING BAPTIZED

- **Matthew 3:13–15 (NIV)** — **13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. **14** But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15** Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.
- **Luke 3:21–22 (NIV)** — **21** When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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*Baptizo -- derived from bapto -- , to overwhelm; make wholly wet; immerse; submerge; sink; plunge; to dip under; and to baptize. It appears 80 times in the New Testament*

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## Mark's Account Of Jesus' Baptism

- **Mark 1:9–11 (NIV) — 9** At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John **in the Jordan**. **10** As Jesus was coming up **out of the water**, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



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## **Jesus Was Baptized By Immersion**

- He Was “In” The Water And He Came Out Of The Water

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## **John Was Startled And Unwilling To Baptize Jesus:**

- (Mat 3:13-15 NIV) "Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John." (14) "But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"" (15) "Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented."
- John Recognized That He Needed -- What Jesus Had!

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**John Was Preaching A "Baptism Of Repentance."**

- What Did This Event Have To Do With Jesus?

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

**This Baptism meant for Jesus: THE MOMENT OF DECISION**

- He Knew His Place -- He Knew His Mission
- He Was Ready To Go Out
- But He Was Waiting For A Sign

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*John's Message Of Repentance & Baptism Swept The Country*

- It Was A Great Revival Of Righteousness
- And When Jesus Saw It, He Knew That This Was His Sign
- Now Was The Time To Launch Out Into His Task & Ministry

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

## **Jesus' Baptism Was The First Public Proclamation Of His Mission And His Coming**

- His Decision To Be Baptized Was Symbolic Of His Willingness To Take On The Sins Of The World And To Accept His Destiny
- Baptism is our way of announcing to all the world that we are followers of Jesus Christ. It is a public declaration of our private decision. It's something about which we cannot keep silent

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

**For Jesus Baptism Meant A Moment Of Identification:**

Jesus Was Identifying Himself With This Movement Not For His Sake But For The Sake Of Others

Jesus' Entire Ministry Was Marked By An Identification with Mankind.

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## Jesus Was Able To Identify With Us

- (Heb 4:14 -16NIV) "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess." (15) "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin." (16) "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."



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*The Baptism Of Jesus Says :*

- 1. I'm Going To Identify With Other Believers*
- 2. I'm On God's Side*
- 3. I'm On The Side Of Righteousness*
- 4. I've Come To Deliver People In Bondage*

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## BAPTISM IS BEING FULLY IMMERSED IN WATER

- The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (not sprinkling) is commanded in the Scriptures (Mark 16:16).
- All who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord are to be so baptized.
- **Romans 6:4 (NIV) — 4** We 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.

# **WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

**Every Convert To Jesus Christ Needs To Make A Public Confession And Be Baptized In Water**

- 1. Water Baptism Is Vital Because Jesus Commanded It**
- 2. Water Baptism Testifies To New Life In Christ It Is Our Public Witness That We Have Been Born Again**
- 3. Baptism Declares Our Allegiance To Christ**
- 4. Water Baptism Shows The Seriousness Of Our Commitment**
- 5. Water Baptism Is An Act Of Obedience To Our Savior And Lord**

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- All Believers Who Come To Christ
- Need To Be Baptized In Water
  
- So That They Can Grow In Their Faith
- In Their Knowledge And In Their Walk With Christ

# WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

- Philip Is Directed By An Angel To Go To The Road From Jerusalem To Gaza,
- He Encounters An Ethiopian Eunuch Reading The Scriptures
- The Eunuch Said, “Here Is Water. Does Anything Prevent Me From Being Baptized?”
- Philip Answered, “If You Believe With All Your Heart, You May Be Baptized.”
- The Eunuch Replied, “I Believe That Jesus Christ Is The Son Of God.”
- Both Men Went To The Water, And Philip Baptized Him.
- Philip Departed, And The Eunuch Continued In His Way, Full Of Joy.
- Mandel, D. (2007). In *The Ultimate Who's Who in the Bible* (pp. 557–558). Bridge-Logos.

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## **The Emphasis Given To Baptism:**

- In The Early Church, There Were No Unbaptized Christians
- Converts Were Baptized As Soon As They Were Converted
- The Pattern Of Immediacy Suits The Symbolism Of Baptism

# WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

- When A Person Is Converted -- Preparation Should Be Made Immediately To Bury The Old Sinful Life.
- Who Should Be Baptized?
- The New Testament Teaches That Only Believers Should Be Baptized --The Test Is Individual Faith

# WATER BAPTISM FOR TODAY: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

- The New Convert Asked Phillip... "See, Here Is Water. What Hinders Me From Being Baptized?"
- *What Hinders You From Being Baptized?*



