

## Get Baptized

### Various Texts

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” **2 Corinthians 5:17**

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” **John 10:10**

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### Why is Baptism Important?

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” **Matthew 28:19**

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.” **Mark 1:9**

“Baptism is not necessary to be saved, but it is a very big deal!”

### I. Believer’s Baptism Symbolizes Something Special

“John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” **Mark 1:4**

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in (Greek preposition: into) the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water...” **Mark 1:9-10**

“John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, **because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized.**” **John 3:23**

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his **death**? We were **buried** therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” **Romans 6:3-4 // Death, Burial, & Resurrection**

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### II. Baptism Declares Something Supernatural

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.” **Acts 2:41**

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

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### III. Baptism Signifies a Surrendered Life

“And he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They said, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ And Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” **Acts 19:3-5 // Humility and Action**

### Misunderstandings On Baptism:

- Baptism washes my sins away. I’m not baptized then I’m not saved.
- I need to clean myself up and be a better person before getting baptized.
- I should not get baptized because my parents had me baptized as an infant, or I was baptized by some other method after getting saved.
- I should get rebaptized, even though I have previously been baptized by immersion as a believer.

### How you do you get saved?

#### 1. Admit:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” **Romans 3:23**

#### 2. Believe:

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...” **Acts 16:31**

#### 3. Confess:

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **Romans 10:13**

### I’m Saved! Now What?

- **Get Baptized as an Outward Sign of an Inward Faith.**
- **Join a Local Church**
- **Start Praying**
- **Get in the Bible**
- **Share the Gospel**

### Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:

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