

BAPTISM

Baptism Illustrates Christ's _____ and _____.

Col 2:12 *"buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."*

Baptism Illustrates My _____ as a Christian.

Romans 6:4 *"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

Baptism Demonstrates that I really am _____.

Acts 2:41 *"Those who gladly received his word were baptized."*

Acts 8:12 *"But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized."*

Acts 18:8 *"And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized."*

Baptism calls us to identify with the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body"*

WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

Because _____ was baptized that way.

Matthew 3:16 *"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water."*

Every baptism _____ was by immersion.

WHY SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?

To follow the _____.

Mark 1:9 *"It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan."*

Because Jesus _____.

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."*

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Everyone who has _____ in Christ.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED? - As soon as you have believed.

HOW TO WITNESS A BAPTISM

1. With joy and gratitude. Luke 15:7: *“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”*

2. With prayer for the one being baptized. We should pray for God’s protection, and His power to keep this person believing till the very end. We should ask God to mature this person, grow him or her up in the faith, and make them strong for Christ’s sake.

3. With warm hospitality towards the one baptized. Baptism is a way that a person says to other Christians, “I am one of you. Jesus is my Savior too.” Therefore, we should receive this new member of Christ’s Church into His family with warmth and care.

4. With a remembrance of our own baptism, and the declaration we made there. We need to remember that we have taken a public stand. Therefore, we must always walk accordingly. When faced with a strong temptation, or confronted with a moral issue, this should come to our attention: I have declared myself a follower of Christ. From that day forward, my life reflects on my Savior and His gospel. Therefore, I must do what honors Him.

5. If we are an unbeliever, we should witness a baptism as one who needs its message. Hear Jesus calling you to trust and follow Him. God has saved this person; He can save you too!

6. If we are an unbaptized believer, we should witness a baptism as a call for us to follow Christ in obedience. Christians are to publicly declare their faith. Baptism is how we do this.

7. With praise unto God. Ultimately, a baptism is meant to point us to the greatness of God’s mercy and love. Our response to any baptism should be praise.