



“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, **baptize them** in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” Matthew 28:19-20

## John the Baptizer

“Get ready: **Change and Wash Your Sins Away.**”

John lived in the Qumran Community

- Essenes
- Ritual Bathing (daily?)

“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance **for the forgiveness of sins**. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.” Mark 1:4-5

John taught that baptism PREPARED YOU to be forgiven.

### Washing Sins Away

“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Isaiah 1:16-18

### Make Yourself Ready

“The LORD said to Moses: ‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.’” Exodus 19:10-11

## Jesus

“Join the Kingdom Movement”

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.’” Matthew 3:13-17

Why was Jesus Baptized?

1. TO MARK A NEW BEGINNING
2. TO IDENTIFY WITH THE GOD MOVEMENT

## Paul

“Bury the Old, Raise the New”

1. Baptism illustrates Jesus’ BURIAL and resurrection.

“Christ died for our sins.... He was buried...and he rose again.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“For when you were **baptized**, you were **buried** with Christ, and in baptism you were also **raised** with Christ.” Colossians 2:12

2. Baptism illustrates my NEW LIFE as a Christian.

“If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: see, everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“By our baptism then, we were **buried** with him and shared his death in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead...so also we may **live a new life!**” Romans 6:4

- Baptism doesn’t make you a believer—it shows that you already believe.
- Baptism doesn’t “save” you—only your faith in Jesus does that.
- Baptism is like a wedding ring—it’s the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart

“For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God—not the result of works so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8, 9