

Baptism – 10/5/25

37 people are getting baptized this weekend. 23 adults and 14 students. So I'm going to give you three quick thoughts, and then get at it. And if that leaves you with questions, go to our website for a full-length sermon. We have one highlighted.

<https://coramdeobible.church/sermons/baptism-questions-answers-may-19-2013/>

1. Baptism is an act of immersion

By definition and example. Definition, because that's what the word means: "to dip under." It doesn't mean sprinkle and it doesn't mean pour. And by example, because Mark 1:10 says that Jesus *came up out of the water* at his baptism. Which means he had to be *immersed* in the water. So by definition *and* example, baptism is an act of immersion.

2. Baptism is a picture of salvation

Our salvation from judgment. In 1 Peter 3 (18-22), Peter compares the experience of *Noah's* salvation with *our* salvation. To say that just like Noah was saved in the ark, we are saved *in Christ*. And baptism, Peter says, *corresponds to this* (1 Pet 3:21). Or pictures our salvation.

3. Baptism is an act of obedience

Like Peter said in Acts 2:38 – *repent and be baptized every one of you*. It's a command. And those who received his word [those who believed in Jesus], did it. They *were baptized*, it says. (Acts 2:41) Which makes baptism an act of obedience.

What it's *not*, is an act of salvation. Baptism *pictures* our salvation, but it doesn't save us; or even *contribute* to our salvation. If it did, that would make it a *work*. And the Bible says we're saved by *grace*; not a result of works. (2 Timothy 1:9; Eph 2:8-9) We get baptized *because* we're saved, not to *get* saved. And the testimonies never get old. (Summary)

So let's pray, prepare our hearts, and get at it.

Prayer – Lord, do a work. Use these baptisms to encourage those who know you, and convince those who don't. That they too, need you. And they too need to be baptized. For your glory and our joy.

Post-baptisms

You just heard a number of testimonies of how God used various circumstances to get their attention, save their soul, and give them life.

And you can experience the same, if you too . . .

Admit you're a sinner

All have sinned the Bible says (Rom 3:23), and if you're going to be saved you have to admit it. That you're a sinner in need of a Savior.

And you have to believe.

Believe in Jesus

In who he is and what he did. That he's God in the flesh who died for your sins and rose again for your life. Sparing you from hell and guaranteeing heaven. You have to believe. You have to put your faith in him. You have to trust him with your life.

Third, you have to repent.

Repent of your sin

Ask God to forgive you of everything you've done and everything you're doing. And in the strength he provides, live *his* way. Fully surrendered.

And last . . .

Receive him into your life

To be united with him forever. Enter into a relationship with him. Love him and live for him, fully devoted. Perfectly? No. Wholeheartedly? Yes.

You too can be saved if you admit, believe, repent, and receive. If that's you, pray with me right now.

"God, I admit . . . But I believe . . . So I repent . . . And I receive."

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