

What Does the Bible Tell Us About the Church?

“Believer’s Baptism” Selected Scriptures

I. What is Believer’s Baptism?

- a. Believer’s Baptism is an O_____ Symbol of God’s I_____ Transformation of Salvation
- b. Believer’s Baptism is one of only two Ordinances that Jesus established for His Church, and it is supposed to SYMBOLIZE our spiritual union with Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection (cf. Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12)
- c. Believer’s Baptism is NOT in any way required for your salvation! (cf. Eph. 2:8-9; Luke 23:39-43)

II. Why Should Someone be Baptized:

- a. J_____ Said So! (cf. Matt. 24:18-20)
- b. It is a Believer’s first act of **OBEDIENCE** in a new life characterized by obedience (Acts 2:41; cf. Acts 2:38; 8:12, 13, 16, 36, 38, 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:15, 33; 18:18; 19:3-5; 22:16)
- c. Jesus never asked for a **Decision**; He demanded **Disciples** (cf. Matt. 4:19-22; 8:18-22; 9:9; 10:38; 16:24; 19:21; 20:34; 27:55; Mark 1:17-20; 2:14-15; 4:10; 8:34; 9:41; 10:21, 28, 52; 15:41; Luke 5:11, 27-28; 9:23, 57-62; 18:22, 28, 43; John 1:40-43; cf. John 8:12; 12:26; 21:19; 10:1-27; 21:22)

III. How Should Someone be Baptized:

- a. The H_____ of the Church
 - i. “And concerning baptism, baptize this way: Having first said all these things, baptize into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in living [or running] water. But if you have no living water, baptize into other water; and if you cannot do so in cold water, do so in warm. But if you have neither, pour out water three times upon the head into the name of Father and Son and Holy Spirit.” (Didache)

b. The L_____ of the Bible

- i. **Baptize = Baptizō** (βαπτίζω) = “to immerse,” “to dip,” “to dunk”

c. The E_____ of Jesus (cf. John 3:23; Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:38)

d. The S_____ of Baptism

IV. Who Should be Baptized?

- a. All T_____ Believers (cf. Acts. 2:41; 8:12; 19:5; 18:8; 1 John 2:19)