

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Because you follow Christ's example. *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the river.* Mark 1:9 (NIV)

Because Christ says we should. *Therefore go 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 (NIV)

Because it shows you are a believer. *Many of the Corinthians who heard Him believed and were baptized.* Acts 18:8 (NIV)

Because obeying Christ's command shows you know Him. *We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands.* 1 John 2:3 (NIV)

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

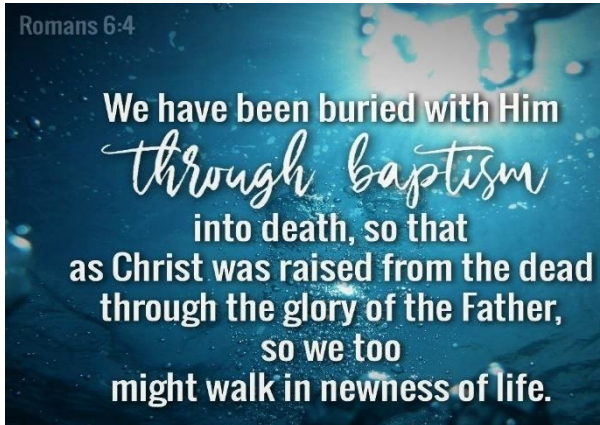
It is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection. *You have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.* Colossians 2:12 (NIV)

It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian. *We were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.* Romans 6:4 (NIV)



WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

You are a believer. Baptism does not make you a believer; it shows that you already are one! Baptism does not save you; only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring—it is an outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart. *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.* Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)



HOW ARE WE BAPTIZED?

Like Jesus was baptized—by being immersed in water. *As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.* Matthew 3:16 (NIV)

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion under the water. *People went out to Him from all Judea, confessing their sins, they were baptized by Him in the Jordan River.* Matthew 3:5-6 (NIV)

The word 'Baptize' literally means "to dip under water." The Greek word "baptidzo" means "to immerse or dip under water."

It is a way to picture a burial and resurrection. "I would have those who are baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies." – Martin Luther

WHEN ARE WE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has made the decision to believe in Christ. *Those who accepted His message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number.* Acts 2:41 (NIV)

When they believed Philip as He preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:12 (NIV)

As soon as you have believed! You should not delay. *Philip told Him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized Him.* Acts 8:35-38 (NIV)



WHY FOLLOW JESUS?

Because the more you follow Jesus, the more like Him, and the better your spiritual walk will be. God will bless you as you demonstrate your faith.



Today I close the door to my past, open the door to my future, take a deep breath and step through to a new life.

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