

Understanding Baptism

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. If you have been baptized, what was your greatest fear? How did your perspective on baptism change after you were baptized?
3. Read Matthew 28:19-21. What is the message that Jesus is trying to get across to his followers?
4. What are some of the challenges that followers face in following these commands? Where do you struggle?
5. Some believe that it is not necessary for believers to be baptized today. How does a passage like 1 Corinthians 1:13-16 challenge that way of thinking?
6. Read Luke 23:39-43. Many view baptism as a necessary part of salvation. How does this account of the thief on the cross challenge this view?
7. Read Titus 3:5-6. What is the emphasis of these verses? What is the important truth we learn about salvation?
8. Pastor spent time talking about the practice of infant baptism. In your mind, what is the biggest Biblical roadblock to this practice?
9. Pastor shared how baptism is also about identifying with other believers. Why is this necessary in a Christian's life?

Digging Deeper

10. It is a good time for you to consider the Bible teaching on Baptism if you have not yet been baptized.

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Series: Finishing Faith in an Ungodly Culture

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I. Why Should I Be _____ ?

1. _____ His Followers to Be Baptized

"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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV84

2. _____ New Testament Christians Appear to Be Baptized

"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)"

1 Corinthians 1:13-16 NIV84

"One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Luke 23:39-41 NIV84

"Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:42-43 NIV84

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38 NIV84

“he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,” Titus 3:5–6 NIV84

3. Baptism _____ That I Am A Christian

“But 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 NIV84

4. Baptism was the Practice of the _____

II. Who _____ Baptized?

Day of Pentecost

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”” Acts 2:37 NIV84

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41 NIV84

Phillip and Samaritans

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Philippian Jailer

“They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.” Acts 16:31–33 NIV84

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