

BAPTISM: MORE THAN JUST A SYMBOL

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Acts 2:36-41

Questions About Baptism...

■ WHY should I be baptized?

- ▶ To follow the _____ of Jesus. (Matthew 3:16-17)
- ▶ To obey the _____ of Jesus. (Matthew 28:19)
- ▶ To unite with the _____ of God. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

■ WHAT is the meaning of baptism?

- ▶ A celebration of the _____ of Christ. (Colossians 2:9-15)
 - He died on a cross as our _____.
 - He rose from the grave as our _____.
- ▶ An illustration of the _____ of Christ. (Romans 6:1-4)
 - _____ the water = Identification with His death.
 - _____ the water = Participation in His resurrection.
- ▶ A proclamation of the _____ of Christ. (1 Peter 3:15-22)
 - In the _____.
 - To all the _____.

■ HOW should I be baptized?

- ▶ We believe _____ is the most biblical way to baptize.
 - _____ was baptized this way. (Mark 1:10)
 - New Testament church _____ baptized people this way. (Acts 8:36-39)
 - This is the _____ illustration of the Gospel. (Romans 6:1-4)

■ WHO should be baptized?

- ▶ Anyone who has _____ of their sin and placed their _____ in Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Acts 2:38-41)

■ WHEN should I be baptized?

- ▶ As soon as...
 - You place your faith in Christ. (Acts 8:12, 36-38; 9:18; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5)
 - You can best _____ proclaim your faith in Christ.

The Bottom Line...

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 - He died on a cross as our substitute.
 - He rose from the grave as our Savior.
- ▶ An illustration of the Gospel of Christ. (Romans 6:1-4)
 - Into the water = Identification with His death.
 - Out of the water = Participation in His resurrection.
- ▶ A proclamation of the glory of Christ. (1 Peter 3:15-22)
 - In the church.
 - To all the world.

■ HOW should I be baptized?

- ▶ We believe immersion is the most biblical way to baptize.
 - Jesus was baptized this way. (Mark 1:10)
 - New Testament church leaders baptized people this way. (Acts 8:36-39)
 - This is the best illustration of the Gospel. (Romans 6:1-4)

■ WHO should be baptized?

- ▶ Anyone who has repented of their sin and placed their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Acts 2:38-41)

■ WHEN should I be baptized?

- ▶ As soon as...
 - You place your faith in Christ. (Acts 8:12, 36-38; 9:18; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5)
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Baptism is a declaration to the world that we belong to Jesus.