

# *BAPTism*





# MEANING OF WATER BAPTISM

- Water baptism is an ordinance established directly by our Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 16:14-16; Matthew 28:19)
  - Mark 16:14-16 Finally he appeared to the eleven themselves, as they sat at table, and reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen him resurrected. 15 And he said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
- The word baptism comes from the Greek word baptizo which literally means "to immerse", "to sink", and "to submerge". The term was used both to refer to washing and to the activity of those who immersed cloth or wool to dye it. (Matthew 28:19)
  - Matthew 28:19 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;
- Baptism is the means by which the believer publicly confesses his faith in Christ as his Savior and Lord. (Acts 8:36-37)
  - Acts 8:36-37 And as they went along the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, Here is water; What prevents me from being baptized? 37 Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may well. And answering, he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

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## WHAT BAPTISM SYMBOLIZES

- The act of water baptism is a perfect symbol of death, burial and resurrection to new life in Christ. (Romans 6:5-8; Colossians 2:12)
  - Romans 6:5-8 For if we were planted with him in the likeness of his death, so we will also be in the likeness of his resurrection; 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer serve sin. 7 For he who has died has been justified from sin. 8 And if we die with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him;
  - Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead.
- It is also a way of making public confession of sins. (Acts 2:28; Matthew 3:6; Luke 3:3-11)
  - Acts 2:28 You made me know the ways of life; You will fill me with joy with your presence.
  - Matthew 3:6 And they were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
  - Luke 3:3-11 and they were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
- Through baptism loyalty to God is symbolized. (Matthew 28:20)
  - Matthew 28:20 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the world. Amen.

- Baptism is an external expression of the saving experience within the human being. (Romans 6:3-11; Colossians 2:12)
  - Romans 6:3-11 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death? 4 For we were buried with him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we were planted with him in the likeness of his death, so we will also be in the likeness of his resurrection; 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer serve sin. 7 For he who has died has been justified from sin. 8 And if we die with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him; 9 knowing that Christ, having risen from the dead, dies no more; Death no longer rules over him. 10 For as soon as he died, he died to sin once for all; but as long as he lives, he lives for God. 11 So consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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## WHAT DOES BAPTISM CONSIST OF?

- Baptism consists of immersing in water any person who confesses to having received Jesus Christ as his Savior. (Acts 8:37)
  - Acts 8:37 Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may well. And answering, he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- The ordinance of water baptism must be administered by an ordained minister of the church or by someone officially designated for the purpose.
  - Matthew 28:19 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;
  - Acts 2:38 Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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# THOSE WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED

- All people who have experienced true repentance for their sins should be baptized. (Acts 2:38)
  - Acts 2:38 Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Water baptism is to be administered to all who have confessed their sins to the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:9)
  - 1 John 1:9 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- This step of obedience is for people who believe Jesus Christ as the son of God. (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:37)
  - Mark 16:15 - 16 And he said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
  - Acts 8:37 Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may well. And answering, he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- All those who want to give public testimony of their faith in Christ Jesus must be baptized. (2 Timothy 1:8)
  - 2 Timothy 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed to bear witness of our Lord, nor of me, his prisoner, but share in the afflictions for the gospel according to the power of God,

- The gospel :

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## CONCLUSION

Water baptism does not save anyone on its own, however it is commanded in the Scriptures for anyone who has already experienced the salvation of their soul but needs to express it externally. It is a step of obedience that every believer must take if they want to make the Word of the Lord a reality in their life.

(Matthew 28:19; John 14:15)

No one should perceive baptism as a mere religious rite or as a mere gateway to membership in a Church. This is an act of obedience to Christ, as the Lord of your life.

**“Go therefore 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). “And he said to them: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”**

**(Marcos 16:15-16)**



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