



BAPTISM 101

“SEE, HERE IS WATER! WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED?” (THE ETHIOPIAN, ACTS 8:36B)

BAPTIZO

GREEK: ΒΑΠΤΙΖΩ/BAPTIZE

Definition

1. to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge
2. to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe

SHUB/METANOIA

HEBREW: שׁוּב/REPENT

Definition

1. to turn back, to return, to turn from evil and face that which is good

GREEK: ΜΕΤΑΝΟΕΩ/REPENT

Definition

1. a change of mind, to regret, to turn away from sin

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

READ MATT. 3:13-17 • WHEN JESUS WAS IMMERSED...

Baptism is the process of publicly being immersed in water in obedience to Christ. It's to be the first changing act of obedience that leads to a life-time of obedience. It's being submerged as Jesus was submerged.

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

READ ACTS 2:36-39 • REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED FOR...

Just as repentance brings forgiveness, so does baptism (normatively) bring the Holy Spirit. We're to repent and be baptized for, essentially, three reasons: 1) For the forgiveness of sin, 2) the gift of the Holy Spirit, and 3) because God says so.

WHAT HAPPENS IN BAPTISM?

READ ROM. 6:3-11 • WE WERE BURIED IN BAPTISM...

When we're baptized something powerfully spiritual happens. We're no longer bound to sin or cursed by its consequences. We're joined with Christ Himself in His death, burial, and resurrection that we may not only live, but have a new life! When we're baptized, we're made new and given an eternal, intimate relationship with God.

FURTHER READING

Mk. 16:16; Jn. 3:3-6; Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:26-27; Col. 2:9-15; Tit. 3:3-7; 1 Pet. 3:18-22

THE GREAT COMMISSION

READ MATT. 28:18-20 • AND JESUS CAME AND SAID...

The Process of Faith

1. Discovery/Evangelism (v. 19a, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations*)
2. Repentance/Baptism (v. 19b, *baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit*)
3. Discipleship (v. 20a, *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*)
4. Sanctification/The Spirit (v. 20b, *And behold I am with you always to the end of the age*)

“The righteous shall *live* by faith” (Hab. 2:4).