





- Jesus Himself was baptised. He was not a sinner, yet He humbled Himself in obedience to identify with us and give us an example to follow.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in Jordan." Mark 1:9

- Water baptism is an act of faith and obedience to the commands of Christ. "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15, (James 2:17-18)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and 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

- Baptism declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a public confession of your faith in and your commitment to, Jesus Christ. It is the next step to salvation through repentance and faith and is an important foundation for the Christian life. (Hebrews 6:1-2)

"Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." Acts 2:38

## Then Meaning of Baptism

- It is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection. Our entrance into the water during baptism identifies us with Christ's death on the cross, His burial in the tomb and His resurrection from the dead.

“...Christ died for our sins according to scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according the scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“...having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in power of God, who raised Him from the dead.” Colossians 2:12

- We bury the 'old life' and we rise to walk in a 'new life'  
Baptism is like a wedding ring- it is the outward symbol of  
commitment you made in your heart, a commitment that  
has to be followed through and lived out on a daily basis.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation,  
the old has gone, the new has come!" || Corinthians 5:17

“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Romans 6:4

Baptism doesn't make you a believer, it shows that you have already one! Baptism does not 'save' you, only your faith in Christ does that.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

- Thus, we baptise believers "....into the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Baptism confirms our position 'in Christ' and affirms the blessing of the Father on us as His children.

- In baptism there is a real sense of being joined to other believers, not just participating in an individual act of their own spiritual journey.

“...For we were **all** baptised by one Spirit into one body...” 1  
Corinthians 12:12-13

## How are we to be Baptised?

- The word 'baptise' comes from the Greek word 'baptizo' which means "to immerse or dip under water".  
"As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water" Matthew 3:16

**"But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women." Acts 8:12**

- The book of Acts shows us that this was the norm for every believer.

(Example)'... then both Philip and the eunuch went down into water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39

## Who should be baptised?

Every person who has made the decision to believe in Christ.

When Paul writes to the believers in Rome, he assumes that all of them have been baptised (Romans 6). The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ!

"Those who accepted his message were baptised...Acts 2:41

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women." Acts 8:12

We do not baptise children until they are old enough to understand and believe.

## When are we to be Baptised?

**As soon as you have believed!**

You shouldn't delay. Believers in the New Testament were baptised the same day. As soon as a person decided to believe in Christ, he can and should be baptised.

"Those who accepted his message were baptised....Acts 2:41

"Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and 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 baptised?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him."  
Acts 8:35-39

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