



Session 1: Jesus' Baptism & Your Baptism

CATCHING UP

What do you hope to get out of this study of “The Life of Jesus in You”?

KEY VERSE

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WATCH the video lesson now and take notes (if you wish).

Jesus' Baptism and Your Baptism

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:13-17 NIV

John the Baptist baptized people as a sign of their repentance for their sins. But Jesus had no sin. So why was Jesus baptized? It's because Jesus' baptism was his way of identifying with sinful humanity. Just as Jesus did not die for his own sins, he was not baptized for his own sins either. But in his baptism, Jesus was showing us a way to live.

Jesus said, "I didn't come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it" (Matthew 5:17). In the same way, he didn't come to abolish baptism, but to fulfill it and to give it complete meaning, which is death to sin and the old way of life, and resurrection into a new way of life.

We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:2b-4 NIV

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

You need to be baptized because Jesus _____ it.

By his own baptism, Jesus was saying, "If you truly want to follow me, then you need to follow me into this water. If I need to do this, then so do you."

You need to be baptized because Jesus _____ it.

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.

Matthew 28:19 NIV

Baptism is not an option. It is a commandment for every follower of Jesus Christ.

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

1 John 2:3 NIV

**Baptism is your _____
that you belong to Jesus Christ.**

Your baptism tells the world that you are not ashamed to be a follower of Jesus.

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. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:35-38 NIV

Baptism is a symbol of _____.

Your baptism says you're not just a believer, you're also a believer.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:13, 27 NIV

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 NKJV

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 NIV

Discovery Questions

1. What does your baptism mean to you?

2. Choose the verse in this lesson that is the most meaningful to you. Why did you choose that verse?

Next Steps

- See if you can memorize the verse you selected that was the most meaningful to you.
- Pray for your group's prayer requests.
- Dive Deeper. Read these passages about Jesus' baptism: Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:19-34.