

Why Baptism?

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Acts 8:12

- It's commanded (Acts 2:38; Matt. 28:19)
- It's identification (Rom. 6:3-4, Matt. 3:13-15)
- It justifies God (Luke 7:29)

Is Water Baptism Essential for Salvation?

- Mark 16:16; Peter 3:21
- Acts 10:44-48
- Rom. 10:9
- Eph. 2:8-9
- 1 Cor. 1:17

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Why We Don't Baptize Babies

- There is no biblical practice or teaching to do so (Acts 8:12). Jesus was baptized as an adult.
- Babies can't believe (Mark 16:16)
- Babies can't repent (Acts 2:38)
- Children are sanctified by the believing parent (1 Cor. 7:14)

Water baptism is a public declaration that a person has trusted Christ for his or her salvation. It is a personal identification with Jesus and represents his death, burial, and resurrection, as well as our own.