

Baptism

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Baptism is essential

Mark 16:16, John 3:5

Baptism by immersion

One baptism, not many different kinds – Eph 4:5

Matt 3:13-17 – Jesus was baptized. Went into the water.
We are to follow Jesus's example - 1 Peter 2:21

John 3:32 – John baptized where there was much water
Acts 8:38-39 – Philip went into the water and came out of it

Greek: baptize – ‘to dip under or submerge or immerse’

Conditions for baptism

Learn God's commandments – Matt 28:19-20

Believe in God's truth – Mark 16:16

Repent – Acts 2:38

Be born again – John 3:5

The deeper meaning of baptism

Rom 6:4-6 – symbolizes us entering into the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
Dead to our old self and sin, alive to a new life in obedience to Christ.

Gal 3:27 – when we are baptized into Christ we ‘put on Christ’, taking his name.

Similar to a wife taking her husband's name at marriage. Baptism, like marriage, is a public ceremony celebrating what has happened in the relationship between the repentant sinner and her Savior.

Once someone is ready, baptism shouldn't wait

Acts 22:16 – don't tarry

Acts 8:26-39 – baptized same day

Acts 16: 23-34 – baptized same night

Acts 9:1 – Paul baptized within 3 days

Acts 10:1-48 – baptized same day

Baptism and its connection with joining a church

We're called into one body – Col 3:15

The church is the body: Col 1:18

We enter into the body by baptism – 1 Cor 12:13

Those who are converted are added to the church – Acts 2:47

Rebaptism?

Acts 19:1-5