

Basics About Baptism

Baptism itself - like the Lord's Supper, is meant to point us to realities so great and wonderful that over all the discussions about form, we must hear the music of God's glorious grace!

1. Commanded in Scripture!

- *“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16*

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- *“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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:18-20*

- *“Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” Acts 2:38*

- Baptism is not a suggestion, for those holy ones, nor simply a ritual or tradition. It is commanded

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2. Outward Action or Internal Reality!

- Baptism is a symbolic public declaration of Christ's work in you!

- *“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 God the Father, we too may live a new life.”*
Romans 6:3-4

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3. In Baptism We:

- Identify With Christ –
- Matthew 10:32 *“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my father in heaven.”*
- Psalm 107:2 - *“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so”*
- Are Obedient to Scripture
- Dedicate ourselves to God
- Confess our Faith to the World

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4. Your Role

- To celebrate with those who are stepping out
- To pray for those who make this step
- To encourage through words and actions
- *“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
Rom. 15:5-6