



**HAVE YOU BEEN  
WATER BAPTIZED  
SINCE YOU  
BELIEVED?**



## WHY GET BAPTIZED?



**Jesus Commanded Baptism of all Believers -**  
*“Go... make disciples... baptizing them...”* Matthew 28:18-20



**Baptism Is Linked to Salvation -** *“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved...”*  
Mark 16:16



**Jesus Himself Was Baptized -** *“Jesus arrived...at the Jordan River..to be baptized.”* Matt. 3:13-17



**The Apostles Commanded It of All Believers -** *“Repent and be baptized...for the forgiveness of your sins...”*  
Acts 2:38



## WHAT DOES BAPTIZE MEAN?

The term comes from the Greek word *baptizo*, meaning to dip, plunge, or immerse; to submerge fully, as when dyeing a garment. (*Vine's Greek Dictionary*).

*“John also was baptizing in Aenon, because there was much water there.”*  
John 3:23

## THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN

- Admit your sins to God and be willing to turn from them - repentance. (Mark 1: 15)
- Believe Jesus Christ was crucified for your sins and rose from the dead.. (Rom. 10: 9-10)
- This results in a spiritual birth, a *born-again* experience. (John 3: 3-7)
- Be *water baptized* by immersion. (Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19)
- Be baptized in the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 19)
- Start obeying God as He speaks to you from the Bible and the Holy Spirit. (John 10:27)

# BIBLICAL IMPORTANCE OF WATER BAPTISM

1. It is a public declaration of our faith in Jesus Christ, who was crucified and raised from the dead. (Matt. 10: 32 ,33)
2. It is a reenactment of Jesus' death & resurrection . We are buried and raised with Christ *"to walk in newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4).
3. Jewish men in the Old Testament received circumcision marking them as God's covenant people. Christian men & women in the New Testament receive water baptism marking us as God's Covenant people. (Col. 2:11-12).
4. Noah was saved from the sinful world through the Flood. We are saved from the sinful world and its temptations through water baptism.(Ex. 14, 1 Pet. 3:20-21)
5. Moses and the Israelites were saved from Pharaoh and Egypt by passing through the Red Sea. We are saved from the devil and the sinful world by water baptism. (1 Cor. 10: 1,2; 1 Pet. 3: 18-22)

## WHO WAS BAPTIZED IN THE EARLY CHURCH?

- 3,000 new believers on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41)
- The Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-38)
- The Roman soldier & his family & friends (Acts 10:44-48)
- Newly converted Apostle Paul. (Acts 9: 10-18)
- The Philippian jailer & his family (Acts 16: 22-34)
- "And all the country of Judea... were being baptized by John in the Jordan River, confessing their sins." (Mark 1:5)
- All who want God's purpose fulfilled in life. (Luke 7: 30)



## IN WHOSE NAME SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

*"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matthew 28:19)

Throughout Acts, they baptized in Jesus' name – this is not a contradiction, but a recognition of Jesus' authority.

## YOUR NEXT STEP

Have you been water baptized by immersion since you trusted in Christ?  
**If not, why not?**

*"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*  
John 14:15

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