

Baptism

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Today's Lesson on Baptism:

1. Who is it for?
2. What does it mean?
3. What does it do?

1. Who is it for?

Baptism is for the **person** who has **chosen** to **follow Jesus**.

Jesus told his disciples to “baptize”.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and **make disciples** (followers) of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit

That's just what they did.

Peter on the Day of Pentecost

3,000 people decided that they wanted to turn from their sins and follow
Jesus Christ... so they baptized those 3,000 people

Acts 2:38-41

So Who is baptism for?

Baptism is for the **believer**, the one who has **chosen** to **follow Christ**.

2. What does it mean?

It means that you **have asked** Jesus to **forgive** you of your **sins** (things that you have done wrong.)

It expresses what you believe about Jesus.

- That you believe that he **died** for you (**for your sins**)
- That you believe that he **rose** from the dead

Romans 6:3-4

Romans 6 talk about this

- When we **go down** into the baptism water - we identify with his **death**
- When we **come up** out of the water - we identify with Jesus' **resurrection**

It's **quite an honor** that we have the opportunity to **identify** with the **greatest, most loving, powerful act ever** - Jesus' death for the sins of the world.

So what does Baptism mean?

Baptism means that **you are a follower of Christ** and that **you believe** that Jesus **died** and **rose again** for your sins.

3. What does it do?

It buries the old you.

When you accepted Jesus as your Savior you became “Born Again”

John 3:1-21

You **now** have a “**new nature**” **by way of the Holy Spirit.**

The ‘**old nature**’ is the **part of you** that **wants to do wrong**

In Baptism, you burry the “old nature”

Rom 3: Or don't you know that all of us who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized into his death**? 4 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.**

5 If we have been **united** with him like this in his **death**, we will certainly also be **united** with him in his **resurrection**. 6 For we know that our **old self was crucified** with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, a that we should **no longer be slaves to sin**— 7 because anyone who has **died** has been **freed from sin**.

It's an amazing thing - to be **able to burry the old person**, and to be **raised up** with Christ and your **new nature**

Your ‘**sinful nature**’ **will try to make a comeback**

But the **Bible** says it **no longer has power over you**

You are “**no longer a slave to sin**”

You can now live by your new nature.

Summary:

1. Who is Baptism for? **Followers of Jesus**
2. What does Baptism mean? **That you believe Jesus died & rose from the dead.**
3. What does Baptism do? **It buries your old nature.**

Discussion Questions:

- Do you believe that you should be baptized?
- How does baptism express your faith in Jesus Christ and what he has accomplished?
- What happens when you are baptized?

Additional Resources:

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