

## IS WATER BAPTISM IMPORTANT?

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In Acts 10, Cornelius was told by an angel that he must speak to Peter about how to be saved. He told him he had to be baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In Acts 10:47,48, after the Gentiles received the Holy Ghost, Peter said, "Can any forbid water, that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And He commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord. You have to believe with all of your heart in Jesus before you can be baptized or it does no good. Acts 8:37 says, "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." (be baptized) and he (the eunuch) answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Acts 2:38 "Repent, and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Baptism represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When we repent we die to the old man and need to be buried in the likeness of His death.

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we walk in newness of life." Romans 6:5 "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. How was Jesus baptized? Matt. 3:16 "And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him." John the Baptist was baptizing in Aenon because there was MUCH water. The people were immersed, Baptize means to overwhelm, to make fully wet, engulf, submerge. How was the Ethiopian Eunuch baptized? Acts 8:38 "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him.

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Mk. 7:9 "Full well ye reject the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own Tradition."

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The family Name is JESUS. If we are His children we take His Name. Eph. 3:15  
The bride always takes her husband's name. We are the bride of Christ.  
Whatsoever we do in word or deed, we do ALL in the Name of Jesus. Baptism is both word and deed. Col.3:17  
In water baptism we are identified in death, burial, and resurrection. Were the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost crucified and buried?

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There's only one church I know that teaches that; that is the Pentecostal Church. They don't decide for themselves what to believe or what practices to follow. They use the Bible as their guide and don't add on or subtract anything.

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