

IS WATER BAPTISM IMPORTANT?



Open your heart when you open your Bible and see it God's Way! Baptism when and how you are baptized is tremendously important! We need to do it God's Way according to what it says in His Word, and not according to how a denomination baptizes, if it is done other than the way they did it the Bible. God's Word is always right!

Jesus who had no sin walked seventy miles to be baptized in order to obey the Scriptures! He thought it was THAT important. Jesus said that He must fulfill all Scripture when John told Him He didn't need to be baptized because He had no sin.

Jesus was our example of how to do things!

He was totally immersed when He was baptized. John 3:23 says "And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there and they (many) came, and were baptized.

Matthew 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:

Mark 1:10 "And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him."

Mark 1:5 says, "They were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan confessing their sins!" If they could just use a little water they wouldn't have been going in a river to be baptized.

And read what happened when the Ethiopian Eunuch was baptized: "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."

This is what the word Baptize means: It's mean Baptidzo in the Greek.

#907 in the Strong's Concordance of the Bible. It means to overwhelm (i.e. fully wet)

Whelm-submerge, cover, engulf

Baptism represents the burial of Jesus: "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 also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

"Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:12

But before we are baptized we must first have faith in the gospel.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16

Then we must repent of our sins: Repentance represents death, therefore we are baptized AFTER repentance.

"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." Acts 2:38

Philip, the Evangelist called for a total commitment from the Ethiopian Eunuch before he agreed to baptize him.

"And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. (be baptized) And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Acts 8:37

It is unscriptural to baptize babies. You won't find a single example of where babies were baptized in the Bible. Jesus put His hands on children and blessed them. He didn't baptize them or command them to be baptized. We are to dedicate our children to the Lord.

When they are old enough to repent and receive Christ as their personal Saviour, they need to be baptized. Babies are incapable of faith and of repentance and a total commitment to Christ.

Jesus said that you must be born again in John 3:3 Truly, Truly I say unto thee, except a man be born again (regenerated, conceived) he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

"Whosoever believeth (has faith, is committed, has entrusted his spiritual wellbeing to Christ) shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:15

You have to confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. For with the heart man believeth (entrust you well being to Christ) and confession is made with your mouth unto salvation."

Romans 10:9, 10

We are to be baptized in Jesus Name, not in the names (plural) of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but in the Name (Singular) of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! The Apostles understood it correctly and called on the Name of Jesus when they baptized.

Jesus died for your sins, not the Father or the Holy Ghost. You are baptized into His family when you are baptized into His Name.

Acts 22:16, Ananias said this to Paul after he received the Holy Ghost; "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the Name of the Lord!"

When Philippian jailer said "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and his whole family, too. Then they took him and his family down to the river to be baptized the same hour that he and his family believed in Jesus; it was so important! Of course, his whole family needed to believe also to be baptized. But if it had been only him who believed, he still needed to be baptized immediately, in case he died suddenly.

Acts 16:30-33

I can almost hear you saying, "the thief wasn't baptized and he went to Heaven." If you had a reason similar to that, that would be different, but very few do. Do you want to take a chance like that?

I recently read a true story of a woman who was dead for four days and visited Heaven to receive a messages to take back to Earth, and they told her that because she wasn't baptized by immersion she couldn't enter into the Country. They call it a Country just like in Hebrews 11:14-16 They said sprinkling had no Spiritual significance. You had to be baptized like Jesus was. That lines up with what the Bible says. I sure would be careful to obey what it says.

Once you have passed from this life, you can't go back to do things differently.

I urge you to diligently search your Bible for these Truths, and then find a Full Gospel Church and be baptized according to the Bible.