

Baptism - An Outward Testimony of an Inward Transformation

Water is important to life. It keeps most of God's creation alive and healthy. It is also an important symbol of life. Clean water speaks to us of a clean and pure life. This is the statement that baptism makes.

Scripture(s): Acts 2:37-41 & 8:26-40

Remember this - Baptism is a clear and simple declaration of what Jesus has _____ in us.

What happened in these passages...

1. Those being saved were confronted with a message about _____.
2. Those who heard the message wanted to _____ to it.
3. The response to the message of Jesus included a willingness to be _____.
4. After baptism, the new believers were amazed by the _____ that had been given to them.

The questions we have as we think about baptism...

1. Who should seek baptism?

- Those who have _____ in Jesus for salvation should seek to be baptized.

2. Why are people baptized?

- We are baptized because Jesus has _____ us. Acts 2:37; Acts 8:36

* They heard this message: Acts 2:22-25; 36

3. In what manner should believers be baptized?

- Believers should be baptized in a manner that symbolizes the _____ and resurrection of Jesus and the _____ that happens because His death is applied to us. Romans 6:3-4

4. What does baptism mean?

- It is the declaration that Jesus died and rose again to clean us and make our lives _____.

1 Peter 3:21-22

So, why follow the Lord by being baptized?

1. Jesus _____ for His followers to be baptized and to baptize. (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. It _____ us with believers throughout time and today's world. (Ephesians 4:4-6)
3. It is a simple and direct _____ of what Jesus has done in you that can be shared with anyone you invite.
4. It is an act of _____ declaring that what Jesus has promised is exactly what He is doing in us. (Romans 6:4-70)

If you have not followed the Lord in the act of baptism, will you be baptized because you want to _____ your faith?

Will we be clear in our declaration of faith that others might ask us, "What must I do to be _____?"

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