

## 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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