

BAPTISM

The Initiatory Ordinance

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38 & 41

An ordinance is an outward _____ instituted or ordained by the Lord Jesus to symbolize an inner _____.

Baptism is an expression of public i _____ with the Lord Jesus.

- The E _____ of baptism – Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:3-4
Baptism (the word) means _____

- The E _____ of baptism – I John 2:6 (CEV)
“If we say we are his, we must follow the example of Christ.”

- The E _____ of baptism – Matthew 28:19
Acts 2:38
John 14:15

The POINT: Baptism is not an _____ for the believer. It is where we begin following in the footsteps of Jesus –

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- identifying** ourselves with Him,
- imitating** what He Himself as done, and
- initiating** a walk of obedience with Him.

RESPONSE - (Be “doers” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

Matthew 3:13-15

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.”

Acts 2:36-41

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Romans 6:3-4

“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.”

Matthew 28:19

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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:38

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 14:15

“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

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