

Summer Singles Part 5: Baptism - 07.01.12

Question #1: Why should I be baptized?

- 🎧 To follow the example set by CHRIST.
“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9
- 🎧 Because Christ COMMANDS it.
*“Jesus said, ‘Go then to all people everywhere and make them disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.’”
Matthew 28:19*
- 🎧 It demonstrates that I really am a BELIEVER.
*“... many of the people who heard him believed and were baptized.”
Acts 18:8*

Question #2: What is the meaning of baptism?

- 🎧 It illustrates Christ’s BURIAL and RESURRECTION.
*“Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and rose again.”
1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

“For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ.” Colossians 2:13
- 🎧 It illustrates my NEW LIFE as a Christian.
*“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!”
2 Corinthians 5:17*
- 🎧 Baptism does not make you a BELIEVER - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not “save” you, only your faith in Christ does that.
“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is a gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

Question #3: Why be baptized by immersion?

- 🎧 Because JESUS was baptized that way.
“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” Matthew 3:16
- 🎧 Every baptism in the BIBLE was by immersion.
(Example): *“... then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...”
Acts 8:38-39*
- 🎧 The word “baptize” means to “DIP UNDER” water. βαπτίζω **baptízō**; to dip. Immerse, submerge for a religious purpose, to overwhelm, saturate, baptize (The Complete Word Study Dictionary).

Question #4: Who should be baptized?

🎧 Every person who has BELIEVED in Christ.

“Those who believed and accept His message were baptized...” Acts 2:41

“Simon himself believed and was baptized...” Acts 8:13

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” Acts 8:12

🎧 BELIEVING always precedes BAPTISM .