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The Meaning Of Baptism

Water Baptism

Matthew 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, *[all peoples]* baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *(NLT)*

Upward - Dedicate your life to Jesus

- Know God Personally - Heart
- Proclaim Your Faith - Water Baptism

Inward - Develop and pattern my life after Jesus

- Grow in your relationship - Connect
- Serve one another - Build

Outward - Deliver the Gospel to the world

- Share God's love - Evangelism
- Go and Send - Missions

4 Reasons Why Someone Who Calls Themselves A Christian Has Never Been Baptized In Water

Reason #1

Don't Understand The _____

They haven't been _____ what the Bible says about Water Baptism.

I've never heard anyone make a _____ about it.

Reason #2

More Committed To A _____

Than To _____

Your family grew up in a different tradition that baptized _____.

Reason #3

_____ And _____

I've _____ to _____.

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Reason #4

They Have Not Truly Been _____

_____ They Are _____, But They Are Not

John 14:15 "If you love me, obey my commandments." *(NLT)*

_____ Are Not Optional

4 Questions The Bible Answers About Baptism

Question #1

What Is _____?

Definition

- Baptize: βαπτίζω; (Greek - baptizó [bap-tid'-zo]); to dip, sink; submerge, but specifically of ceremonial dipping; immerge; to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water.

- The word baptize means to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the early church. ~ John Calvin

- The word baptizó is never used in the passive. Water is never baptized ON someone - someone is ALWAYS baptized IN water.

Mark 1:4 This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. **5** All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. *(NLT)*

John 3:23 At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. *(NLT)*

Acts 8:36 As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" **37**, "You can," Philip answered, "if you believe with all your heart." And the eunuch replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. *(NLT)*

Question #2

What Is The _____ Of Baptism?

Public _____ Of Faith

_____ Of Christ's Work In My Life

Mark 1:5 All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. *(NLT)*

Mark 1:9 One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. *(NLT)*

Matthew 3:14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have the need to be baptized by You, and yet You are coming to me?" **15** But Jesus, answering, said to him, "Allow it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. *(NASB)*

Matthew 3:14 But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" **15** But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires. *[for we must fulfill all righteousness.]*" So John agreed to baptize him. *(NLT)*

Luke 12:50 "I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished." *(NLT)*

Romans 6:3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? **4** For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. *(NLT)*

Colossians 2:12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. *(NLT)*

Question #3

Do You Have To Be Baptized To Be _____?

You Are _____ Saved By Baptism

Mark 16:16 "Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned." *(NLT)*

James 2:26 Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. *(NLT)*

Ephesians 4:5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, *(NLT)*

You are _____ By Not Being Baptized

Matthew 7:20 "Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. **21** "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. **22** On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' **23** But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'" *(NLT)*

Luke 6:43 "A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. **44** A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. **45** A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. **46** "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?" *(NLT)*

Question #4

_____ Should I Be _____?

A _____ Obedience Often Results In _____

Acts 2:37 Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" **38** Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. … **41** Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. *(NLT)*

Acts 8:12 But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized.
13 Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. *(NLT)*

Acts 8:36 As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?"
38 He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. *(NLT)*

Acts 22:16 What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.' *(NLT)*

Acts 10:44 Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. **45** The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. **46** For they heard them speaking in other tongues *[other languages]* and praising God. Then Peter asked, **47** "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" **48** So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days. *(NLT)*

Acts 16:14 One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. **15** She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we agreed. *(NLT)*

Acts 16:27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. **28** But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" **29** The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" **31** They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." **32** And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. **33** Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. *(NLT)*

Acts 18:8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and everyone in his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized. *(NLT)*

Acts 19:1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. **2** "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **3** "Then what baptism did you experience?" he asked. And they replied, "The baptism of John." **4** Paul said, "John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus." **5** As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues *[other*

languages] and prophesied. **7** There were about twelve men in all. *(NLT)*

2 Chronicles 16:9a The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. *(NLT)*

Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help. *(NLT)*

Mark 1:9 One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. **10** As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." *(NLT)*