

Baptism!

A New Day for Our Church Part 4

Matthew 3:13-17 & selected

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"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. But John tried to stop him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?' Jesus answered him, 'Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then John allowed him to be baptized. When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.'" (Matthew 3:13-17, CSB)

What Does Baptism Mean?

1. Baptism is _____

"When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus."
(Acts 19:5, CSB)

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
(Acts 2:38a, CSB)

Why Be Baptized?

1. Because it _____

"Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized."
(Acts 18:8b, CSB)

2. Because Jesus _____

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, CSB)

3. Because it _____

"So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them." (Acts 2:41, CSB)

Questions

1. Is It More Important To Baptize Babies Or People Who Are Old Enough To Make A Faith Decision On Their Own?

2. Does Baptism Itself Have The Power To Save People?

3. What If A Person Refuses To Be Baptized?

"This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commands." (1 John 2:3, CSB)

"The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me."" (John 14:21a, CSB)

4 Simple Steps to Become a Member of Dogwood Church

1. Trust in Jesus

Turn from your sin and place your faith in Jesus Christ alone as your Savior, Lord, and God.

2. Be Baptized

Follow Jesus in believer's baptism as a public expression of your personal faith in Him.

3. Complete the Belong Class

Join our Belong Class to learn who we are, what we believe, and what membership means.

4. Make the Membership Commitment

After completing the class, sign the Belong/Membership Commitment.