

Foundations 2 - Baptism

Baptism commanded

Jesus commanded: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” **Matthew 28:19**

Mark 16:15-16 And He (Jesus Christ) said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the *gift of the Holy Spirit.*”

What is baptism?

*Baptism is our public identification with Christ as our new Life.

Matthew 10:32-33 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

The Greek word “baptizo” means “to immerse; submerge”. Baptism is an act of faith; an outward symbol/action of your identification with Jesus Christ as your new Life. In baptism, you are agreeing with

God that Jesus Christ Himself, (who now lives inside you) is your “Righteousness, your Sanctification (transformation) and your Redemption” .

1 Cor. 1:30-31 But of Him (God) you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

“Therefore we were *buried with Him through baptism* into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” . Romans 6:4

*Jesus is your Righteousness (your guilt is washed away)

*Jesus is your Sanctification – He is the One who transforms you, breaking the power of sin and imparting His nature of holy love.

*Jesus is the One who completes the work of grace unto your full redemption; until you are walking like Jesus and manifesting His nature (love).

What happens at baptism?

Romans 6:3-11 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were *buried with Him through baptism* into

death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man (sin nature) was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon (consider) yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When you are baptized, you are recognizing and declaring that you (your old sin nature) were crucified WITH CHRIST and

you have risen with Him to walk in new life (by His indwelling Spirit).

Believing this truth you are FREED from the penalty and power of sin. You are now FREE to live a righteous life. THEREFORE (vs 11), being baptized, you are to consider yourself indeed “dead to sin” but “alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

Romans 6:20-23 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When you IDENTIFY with Jesus through baptism; accepting what He did for you on the cross, you acknowledge receiving the “remission of sins”. You will then receive “the gift of the Holy Spirit”.

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The penalty for your sin is paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your guilt and sins are washed away.

Hebrews 8:12 “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

Romans 4:3-8 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.”

The power of sin is broken by the Lord Jesus Christ IN YOU.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

You now have the power, through Christ Jesus, to live righteously.

Romans 6:12-14 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

When should you be baptized?

As soon as you can after you have repented and are trusting in (relying upon) Jesus Christ as your Savior.

The apostle, Peter, said “Repent, and be baptized” (Acts 2:38)

Jesus said “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16)

In Acts chapter 8, the Ethiopian eunuch asked Philip, the evangelist, if he could be baptized. “Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’” We must believe with all of our heart to be baptized. When a person is able to understand their need to trust Jesus, and they want to be baptized, of their own will, then they can be baptized. Infant baptism is not taught in the Bible.

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