



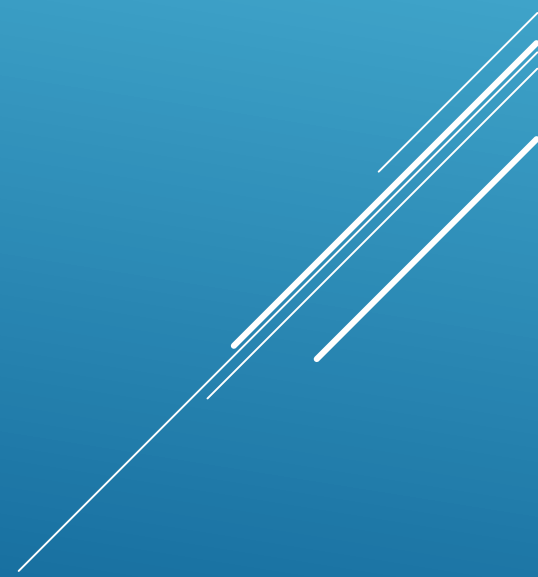
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▶ What is Baptism?

▶ Dictionaries:



“A Christian ceremony in which a few drops of water are poured on someone or they are covered with water to welcome them into the Christian church and often name them.”

OXFORDS ADVANCED
AMERICAN DICTIONARY

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“A ritual practice in the New Testament church that is still used in various forms by different denominations and branches of the Christian church. Baptism involves the application of water to the body of a person... Widely different interpretations of the act exist among Christian groups.”

NELSON'S ILLUSTRATED BIBLE
DICTIONARY

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▶ The word “baptized.”

- ▶ βαπτίζω baptizō - to immerse, submerge; to make whelmed (i.e. fully wet);
- ▶ Vines -consisting of the process of immersion, submersion, and emergence (from baptō, “to dip”), is used (a) of John’s “baptism,” (b) of Christian “baptism.”

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▶ What is Baptism?

▶ Dictionaries:

▶ The word “baptized.”

▶ The clear teaching of Scripture.

▶ John baptized with much water.

John 3:23

▶ Jesus was submerged and emerged from the water. **Matthew 3:13-16**

▶ Likewise with the Eunuch. **Acts 8:36-39**

3 QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISM

- ▶ What is the purpose of baptism?
 - ▶ Baptism is for the remission of sins and thus necessary for salvation.
- ▶ What does the Bible say?
 - ▶ For the remission of sins. **Acts 2:38**
 - ▶ Are immersed into Christ.
Galatians 3:26-27
 - ▶ We die to sin, are buried, and raised.
Titus 3:5; Romans 6:3-11

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 - ▶ The power of baptism is God Himself.
1 Peter 3:21

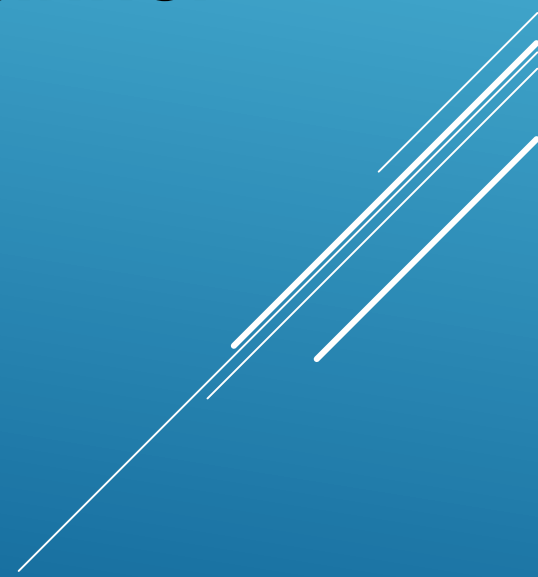
“Mark how He has described at once both the water and the cross. For these words imply, Blessed are they who, placing their trust in the cross, have gone down into the water; for, says He, they shall receive their reward in due time; then, He declares, I will recompense them... Further, what says He? “and there was a river flowing on the right, and from it arose beautiful trees; and whosoever shall eat of them shall live forever.” This meaneth, that we indeed descend into the water full of sins and defilement, but come up, bearing fruit in our heart, having the fear [of God] and trust in Jesus in our spirit.”

GENERAL EPISTLE OF BARNABAS
(70-130 A.D.)

“In baptism are fulfilled the pledges of our covenant with God; burial and death, resurrection and life; and these takes place all at once. For when we immerse our heads in the water, the old man is buried as in a tomb below, and wholly sunk forever; then as we raised them again, the new man rises in its stead. As it is easy for us to dip and lift our heads again, so it is easy for God to bury the old man and shew forth the new.”

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (347-407 A.D.)

3 QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISM

- ▶ Who is baptism for?
 - ▶ It is for the lost, repentant, sinner that believes in Jesus.
 - ▶ **Acts 2:36-41; 16:30-34**
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**THEREFORE,
IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,
HE IS A NEW CREATION;
THE OLD HAS GONE,
THE NEW HAS COME!**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17