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- What does the word "baptism" mean in the Bible? It means "immersion." There was only one mode of baptism in the NT – John 3:23; Acts 8:38–39; cf. Hebrews 9:19; John 13:5.
- What is NT baptism? There is only one! It is immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins – Ephesians 4:5; 1 Peter 3:20–21; Acts 2:38; cf. Matthew 26:28; Revelation 1:5.
- Who needs baptism? It is for sinners who come to faith in Jesus and turn from their sins – Acts 2:38; 16:31–34; cf. Mark 10:14.



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- Why should YOU accept baptism? It is at the point of baptism that the following happens:
  - You call on Christ and obey the gospel – Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3–6; cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1–4.
  - God see your faith, removes your sins, and adopts you into his family – Colossians 2:11–13; Acts 2:38, 40; Galatians 3:26–29; cf. Mark 16:16.
- In sum, baptism is immersion in water for the forgiveness of sin. It is necessary for salvation. If you have not yet been baptized, why do you delay? Call on the Name via baptism!

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