



# FOUNDATIONS OF MY FAITH SERIES

## LESSON 3: BAPTISM

# Baptism

## Jesus set the example of Baptism for three reasons:

1. It is the right and proper thing to do.

Matthew 3:13-17 “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

2. It marked a change of life and purpose.

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

3. It symbolized His coming death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6:3-4 “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

## Baptism pictures the Gospel in three events:

1. The death of Jesus
2. The burial of Jesus
3. The resurrection of Jesus

## Why should I be Baptized?

1. Obedience. New believers are commanded to follow their faith with baptism.

Acts 10:48 “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord...”

2. Identification. Baptism is a public statement that we are not ashamed of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:12 “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen

with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

Romans 10:11 “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

## What is the Method and Time for Baptism?

1. According to the Bible, only those who have first placed their faith in Jesus may get baptized.

Acts 8:36-37 “And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

2. The Bible example of baptism is by immersion.

Acts 8:38 “And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”

3. Baptizing is normally done shortly after salvation.

Acts 2:41 “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Acts 16:33 “And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”

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