

WHY BAPTISM?

Is Baptism Even Necessary?

Baptism is seen by some as an expression of faith, only, and not necessary for salvation. However, baptism is not simply a ceremonial act. Through baptism, our sins can be “washed away.” (**Acts 22:16, Acts 2:38**)

Jesus clearly states that baptism is essential to salvation and includes it in the great commission (**Mark 16:16, John 3:5, Matthew 28:18-20**)

When we are baptized in the name of Jesus, we “put on Christ.” Through the combined New Birth experience (repentance, baptism, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost) we are able to apply the Gospel of Jesus to our lives. (**Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-4, Acts 2:38**)

Does it Matter How I Am Baptized?

We should be baptized by full immersion. The Greek word for “Baptism” is “baptizo”. It means “to immerse, to dip or to plunge beneath the surface.” This is confirmed in scripture by the need for “much water” and the act of going “down into the water.” (**John 3:23, Acts 8:38**)

We should be baptized in the name of Jesus. (**Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 4:5, Romans 6:3**)

From the Day of Pentecost forward, every biblical baptism was done in the name of Jesus. (**Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 10:48, Acts 19:4-5, Acts 22:16**)

There is biblical precedent for someone getting rebaptized in the name of Jesus. (**Acts 19:1-6**)

Why the Name of Jesus?

Jesus is the only saving name. (**Acts 4:12**)

As believers, everything that we do in our words and actions should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. Surely, this includes baptism. (**Colossians 3:17**)

Since Jesus is the one who died for us and we are baptized “into His death,” it makes sense that baptism would be done in His name! (**Romans 6:3-4, 1 Corinthians 1:13**)