
WATER BAPTISM

Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" Jeremiah 6:16

Baptism is a sign of the New Covenant, an initiation rite, and obedience will open heaven over your life (Matthew 3:13-17). Water baptism seals the deal.

1) Baptized in the Red Sea/Your enemies are destroyed in the water

1 Corinthians 10:1-2, Exodus 14:10-18, 26-31

- *Matthew 19:26 - But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*
- *John 8:36 - Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

2) Three things baptism symbolizes

1. The washing away of your sins – *Acts 22:16 - And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*
2. Raised to new life in Christ – *2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:4 - 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.*
3. A prophetic statement that you will also rise from the dead – *John 5:24-30, 1 Corinthians 6:14 - And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.*

3) Philip and the Ethiopian - Acts 8:26-40

- The Ethiopian was baptized immediately after believing in Jesus as his personal savior. He was not ashamed to make a public declaration of his new faith.
- *Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

4) Contact points for miracles

- ✓ Go and wash – *John 9:5-7, 22-41*
- ✓ Naaman the Syrian – *2 Kings 5:8-14*

5) Baptism is an act obedience

- ✓ Repentance required - *Acts 2:37-39*
- ✓ If you believe with all your heart – *Acts 8:36-37*
- ✓ Other baptism verses – *Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16*

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The story of the North Georgia revival, Christ Fellowship Church, Dawsonville, Georgia, Pastor Todd Smith: In January 2018, during their annual 21 day fast, Pastor Todd was praying and walking on the platform when he looked at the baptistry and in a vision, he saw it full of water with flames moving over the surface. God told him that He was going to baptize in fire. He held Sunday evening baptism services and people were coming up out of the water healed, delivered from addictions, marriages restored and spiritual oppressions were gone. Thousands have come to be baptized and healed. They have been very meticulous to document many healings.



*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. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:38-39*

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Matthew 28:18-20*