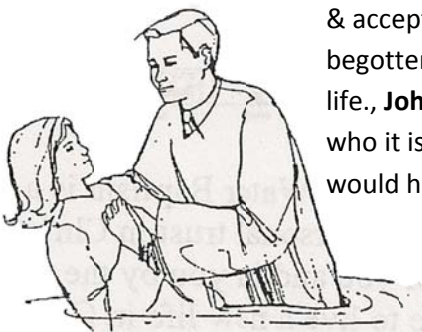


WATER (BELIEVER'S) BAPTISM

REVIEW: To really understand what Water or Believer's Baptism is about, you must fully understand what it means to become a Born-Again Christian.

Every person must come to the place (through the work of the Holy Spirit) where they know, and believe that:

1. God's Holy Law condemns us as sinners (Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;).
2. as sinners, we all deserve death and Hell [eternal separation from God] (**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.; **Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.; **1 Thessalonians 1:9** (9) For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;).
3. while God's holiness and justice condemn all mankind, His love brought Jesus down to die [pay the price] for all sin (**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.; **1 Peter 2:24-25** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (25) For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.; **Titus 3:4-6** But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, (5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; **1 John 2:2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.).
4. by God's grace, a person must:
 - a. individually respond to these gospel truths in repentance. [hatred of their sin] (**Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost., **Acts 11:18** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.);
 - b. have faith alone in Christ alone [believing & trusting in His death for us], for forgiveness & acceptance by God (**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life., **John 4:10** Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.; **Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other:



for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved., **Acts 16:31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.; **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.);

- c. openly confess Jesus as God and Lord (**Romans 9:1** I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost; **Acts 8:37** 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.).
- d. desire to live in obedience to Christ (**John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments., **John 15:8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples., **John 15:14** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.; **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.);

WATER BAPTISM: The Lord Jesus calls all those who trust and follow Him to be Baptized as Believers (Acts 10:47-48 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.).

1. **Who May he Baptized?**- Only those who believe and have put faith in Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord can be Baptized.

What does the Bible say people did before being baptized?

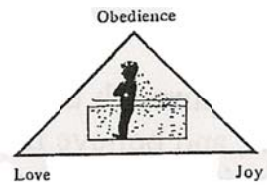
- a. Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- b. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- c. Acts 8:36-38 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? (37) 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. (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.
- d. Acts 9:17-18 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. (18) And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

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Does the Bible teach us to Baptize babies?

Why?

2. **What is the right Motive for Baptism?**—There are three good reasons to be Baptized; can you name them?



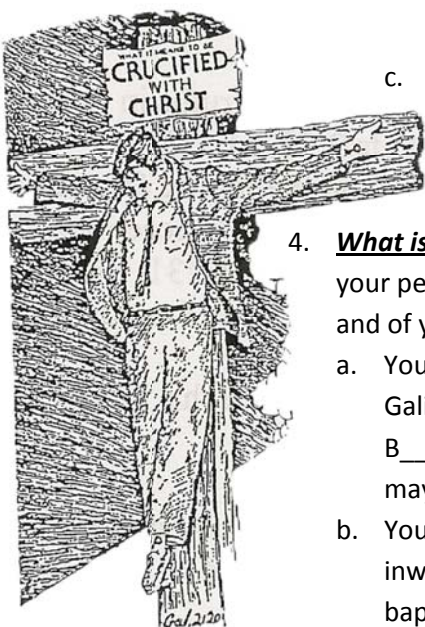
- a. O _____ (**Matthew 28:19-20** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.; **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.);
- b. L _____ (**John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.);
- c. J _____ (**Acts 8:35-39** Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. (36) 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? (37) 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. (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. (39) And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.);

3. **What is the right Method of Baptism?**— In the Bible, no one was ever Baptized except by immersion (going a11 the way into the water).

The word "baptism" actually means to immerse or put into,

- a. What did Jesus do when Baptized _____ (**Matthew 3:13-16** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. (14) But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? (15) And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. (16) 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:);
- b. Why did John baptize in Aenon _____ (**John 3:23** And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.);





c. What did Philip and the Ethiopian do _____ (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.);

4. **What is the right Meaning of Baptism?**- Water Baptism is a public display and witness of your personal trust in Christ alone, of what God has done for you and in you by the Spirit, and of your God given desire to live a new life in Christ.
- You are publicly I _____ yourself with Jesus (**Matthew 3:13** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.), and openly stating that you B _____ in Him (**Acts 8:37** 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.).
 - You are picturing your own d _____, b _____, and r _____ with Christ inwardly by the Holy Spirit (**Romans 6:3-4** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (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.; **Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.).
 - You are testifying that from now on your desire is to live a n _____ life with C _____ living in you (**Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. – See above).

What do these verses say?

- Romans 6:4-6 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. (5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) (6) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

