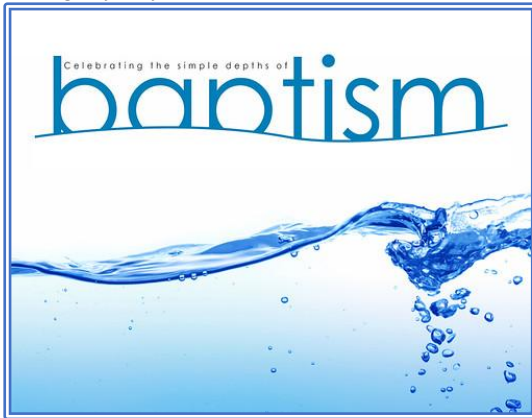




A Study of Biblical

BAPTISM

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them*

*in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

Matthew 28:19-20

Study #3 – WHY BE BAPTIZED?

When you are asked to do something – or told to do it – it may depend on a number of factors as to "why" you will comply or not (i.e. requests of children, strangers, spouse, pastor, supervisor, coach, officer, etc.). But when the Bible clearly mentions baptism as a command of Jesus, it is natural to ask "Why should I be baptized?" However, when it comes to the things of God, we can't always understand his thoughts and mind. But in this case, there are some clear reasons and purposes of baptism that make it a significant part of God's plan for salvation. Here's 10 reasons!

1. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO RECEIVE THE _____ OF _____.**
Acts 2:38; Matthew 26:28 – The significance of the word "for" the forgiveness (remission) of sins. The Greek word "eis" is used here which means "in order to" not "because of". Also consider the conjunction of the word "and".
2. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO RECEIVE THE _____ OF THE _____.**
Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32 – The indwelling Spirit is not given to anyone without their obedience as a difference in the ones that were baptized by the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 and Acts 10 to receive God's acceptance of Jews and Gentiles.
3. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO BE _____.**
Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21 – Noah's salvation can be attributed to 1) God's grace; 2) Noah's faith and obedience; 3) the Ark; and 4) Water. Water was the element that separated Noah from the destruction of the world!
4. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO BECOME _____ OF GOD.**
Galatians 3:26-29 – How? Faith and baptism. Why? To be clothed (united, be one) with Christ!
5. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO _____ OUR _____.**
Acts 22:16; Revelation 1:5 – Saul's sins were not washed even though 1) he had seen the Lord, 2) the Lord had spoken directly to him, and 3) he had fasted and prayed for 3 days! Note: Arise – be baptized – wash away!
6. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO CONTACT THE _____ OF JESUS AND BE _____ FROM SIN.**
Romans 6:3, 5-7, 22-23 – two deaths at baptism: Christ's and ours – his removes the power of sin; ours the love.
7. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO BE _____ AND _____ WITH CHRIST INTO A NEW _____.**
Romans 6:3-5, 11-14, 17-18 – the "new" creation/direction happens because of the D-B-R of Christ and us!
8. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO ENTER THE _____ OF CHRIST.**
1 Corinthians 12:13 (Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:26) – the phrases "baptized into Christ" refers to a relationship with Him but also refers to being in his body, the church – plus brings us into fellowship with other baptized believers! In Acts 2:47 the Bible says, "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."
9. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO FULLY _____ CHRIST JESUS AS LORD.**
Colossians 2:6-12; John 1:9-13 – Key thought: Baptism is not a "work" nor an "ordinance", but rather is the accepting/receiving of God's wonderful grace and offer of salvation made possible by Christ and the Holy Spirit.
10. **WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED TO BE A _____.**
Matthew 28:18-20 – in these verses, there is only one command – "make disciples" – but involved in becoming a disciple is baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, and to obey all of his commands in your new life!