

Baptism

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Why do we need baptism?

- Jesus commanded it (Matt 28:19-20)
- Early Christians practiced it (Acts 2:41)

What is Baptism?

- An ordinance that Jesus prescribed (Matt 28:19-20)
- An outward expression of an inward response to the Gospel.
- The proof to one's claim to his/her belief in Jesus.
- A person *is not saved* by the act of baptism.

What does baptism communicate?

- Identification with Jesus (Col 2:12)
- A new life (Rom 6:1-4; Gal 3:27)
- The first step toward discipleship (Matt 28:19-20)
- A decision to be a member of the local church (Acts 2:41)
- Ownership of the Trinity over a believer (Matt 28:19-20)

When is one baptized?

- When a person is able to understand the Gospel and respond to it both intellectually and spiritually.

So What Now?

Identify yourself with Christ

1. By placing faith in Him
2. By being baptized
3. By walking in newness of life