



Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study
Water Baptism: "Do I Need To Be Baptized?"

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** ^{G907} 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 2:38 (KJV)*

Scripture Text & Study

• **What is Water Baptism?**

- Merriam-Webster

Full Definition of BAPTISM

1 a : a Christian sacrament marked by ritual use of water and admitting the recipient to the Christian community

b : a non-Christian rite using water for ritual purification

2 : an act, experience, or ordeal by which one is purified, sanctified, initiated, or named

- Lexicon - Strong's

Acts 2:38 – BAPTIZED :: Lexicon :: Strong's G907 – baptizō

βαπτίζω

Transliteration

Baptizō

Pronunciation

bäp-tē'-zō (Key)

Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

From a derivative of βάπτω [\(G911\)](#)

Outline of Biblical Usage

- I. to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
- II. to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
- III. to overwhelm

- Water Baptism is an outward show of an inward decision to repent from all sin, believe in the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ that was purchased on the cross of Calvary, and that Christ rose again as Lord and Savior.

- Romans 8:2 – *We are free from the law of sin and death because of our faith in Christ.*

• **What does baptism represent?**

- Baptism represents the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Acts 2:38 - "Repent [death to sin], and be baptized [burial] every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost [resurrection]."

- Romans 6:1-7

• **When can I get baptized?**

- Once you have a full assurance of your salvation in Christ Jesus you can get water baptized.

- You can get baptized as many times as you desire. With each baptism, there is a fresh anointing, reviving of the spirit and rededication of the soul.

- Acts 19:1 – 5 – *The disciples of Ephesus had already been baptized once into repentance. Once they heard about Jesus and the finished work of the cross, they believed and were baptized in name of the Lord Jesus.*

- **Where can I get baptized?**
 - In any body of water that allows for full emersion.
 - Matthew 3:13 – 17
- **Why in baptism in Jesus' Name?**
 - The Method of Baptism:
 - Jesus commanded that the disciples baptize in the NAME (singular) of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three titles held by God have ONE (singular) name, a family name. That name is JESUS. This why we baptize in Jesus' Name.
 - Matthew 28:19 - ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
 - Matthew 1:21 - ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
 - Acts 8:16 - ¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
- **How do you get baptized?**
 - The Mode of Baptism:
 - *Full Immersion.* Just as Jesus died for all our sins, going beneath the surface of the water represents the burial of the old sinful human nature. We rise above the water as a new creature in the spirit of Christ Jesus, just as Jesus was raised from the dead in His glorified body.
 - Romans 6:4 – 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.
 - Colossians 2:12 - ¹² Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
 - Mark 1:9 – 11 – *Jesus came up “out of the water”*
 - Acts 8:38 – 39 – *Philip baptizes the eunuch*
 - *Sprinkling, pouring, or infant baptism* of any kind is not scriptural. It does not signify the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is only human traditions.
- **Why do I need to be baptized?**
 - Water baptism was a commandment by Jesus in the great commission
 - Matthew 28:19
 - If Jesus did it, then so should we.
 - Luke 3:21 - 23
 - Water baptism is an essential part of New Testament salvation and not merely a symbolic ritual. It is part of entering into the kingdom of God (God's church, the bride of Christ), and therefore, it is not merely a part of local church membership.
 - John 3:5 - ⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
 - Galatians 3:27 - ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- **Who can get baptized?**
 - Anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior; confessing with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.
 - The apostles baptized all nations:
 - Jews – Acts 2:38 – 41
 - Samaritans – Acts 8:16
 - Gentiles – Acts 19:5
 - If an infant or young child is not mature enough to understand salvation or baptism, they are not encouraged to become a candidate for baptism according to the scriptures.
 - It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their children fully understand the meaning of salvation and baptism before recommending their child as a candidate for baptism, according to the scriptures.

Bible Study Review – WATER BAPTISM:

Answer the following questions and give a scripture reference to support your answer.

- 1) What is baptism?
 - A. A tradition of the Christian faith
 - B. An outward show of an inward decision
 - C. A sign of local church membership
- 2) What does baptism represent? Scripture reference: _____
 - A. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - B. The healing miracles of Jesus
 - C. The power of God on believers
 - D. The promise of Christ Second Coming
- 3) Who is not an eligible candidate for baptism? Explain why: _____
 - A. A murder
 - B. A new believer in Christ Jesus
 - C. A child 8 years old, with consent from a parent
 - D. A baby 6 months old
- 4) Why do we need to get baptized? Scripture reference: _____
 - A. It is a commandment of Jesus and He was an example for us.
 - B. It shows we are part of the Kingdom of God
 - C. To become a member of a local church body.
 - D. A & B
- 5) Where one should be baptized? Scripture reference: _____
 - A. Pool full of anointed oil.
 - B. Any body of water that allows for immersion.
 - C. In an river
 - D. Baptismal pool
- 6) Which mode of baptism is supported by the Bible? Scripture reference: _____
 - A. Sprinkling
 - B. Immersion
 - C. Infant Baptism
 - D. Pouring

- 7) How many times can you get baptized?
 - A. Only once
 - B. As many times as you desire.
 - C. Seven
 - D. Two
- 8) How was Jesus baptized? Select the picture that best describes and give a scripture reference: _____



- 9) In what name should one be baptized? Scripture reference: _____
 - A. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
 - B. Yogi Bear
 - C. In Jesus' Name
 - D. In God We Trust