

Baptism: Jesus & You

Jesus **modeled** baptism.

Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

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God says:

- 1) this is my **Son**
- 2) I **love** Him
- 3) I am **proud** of Him

Baptism is a **Burial**.

Romans 6:2-4 (NIV)

We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ **We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Jesus **commanded** baptism.

Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ *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,* ²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Baptism is not an option, it is a commandment for every follower of Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:3 (NIV)

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

Baptism is your **public statement** that you **belong** to Jesus Christ.

John 14:23 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

Do not be ashamed to **proclaim** Jesus.

Luke 9:26 (NIV)

Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Acts 8:12 (NIV)

When they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 16:33 (NIV)

At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

Mark 16:16 (NIV)

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 8:35-38 (NIV)

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him **the good news about Jesus**.³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”^[37] *Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.”* The eunuch answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NLT)

Baptism is a Biblical response to God

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

¹⁹ So he went and preached to the spirits in prison—²⁰ those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.²¹ And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a **response to God** from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²² Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

Baptism is a symbol of our **incorporation**.

I am a part of the body of Christ.

I am a member of the Church.

I am not just a Believer, I am a Belonger.

1 Corinthians 12:13, 27 (NIV)

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body..... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Who is qualified to be baptized?

Hebrew 11:6 (NIV)

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world (insert your name here) that he gave his one and only Son (Jesus, The Messiah), that whoever believes in him (insert your name here) shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 2:36-42 (NIV)

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Have you **heard** the message the word about Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away your sin?

Have you **believed** the message?

Have you **repented** and turned to Jesus?

Have you **confessed** with your mouth that Jesus is the Son of God and your Lord and Savior?

Have you? Then you are ready to be baptized.

We are **united** with Christ in baptism.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NIV)

Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Galatians 3:27 (NIV)

And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”