

Baptism

S.R. Mk.16:15-16, Act.2:37-38

Introduction – Baptism is one of the most important acts a Christian can perform. It was given to us as a commandment of the Lord and should be thought about carefully!

Baptism - **ba,ptisma** - baptisma {bap'-tis-mah} immersion, submersion.

Baptized - **bapti,zw**baptizo {bap-tid'-zo}, verb (AV) baptize (76), wash 2, baptist 1, baptized + 2258 1; 80 • 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk) 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe 3) to overwhelm.

1. Who Should Be Baptized?

There has been much speculation as to whom should be baptized, i.e. adults or children, but in every example of the bible, only accountable people responded and obeyed the call to baptism. Act.2:38, Mk.1:9, Act.8:38, 16:15
(Mat.18:3, 19:14)

2. Why Were They Baptized?

Those people who BELIEVED and were convicted by the gospel message about Jesus obeyed His call to immersion! Act.2:37-38, Mk.16:16

3. What Does Baptism Accomplish For Us?

- a. It is our first act of submission to our Lord! Mat.28:19, Act.10:48
- b. It SAVES us! 1Pet.3:21
- c. We are forgiven. Act.2:38
- d. Our sins are 'washed' away! Act.22:16
- e. Gives us a 'new' life! Joh.3:3-5, Rom.6:4
- f. Clothes us with Christ! Gal.3:27

4. Baptism Is Not For Non-Believers! 1Pet.2:7-8, Tit.3:3

If You Have NOT been immersed for the remission of your sins and had your OLD self buried with Christ, now is a good time to do it!

It should never be delayed!