



# BAPTISM



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# I. INTRODUCTION

Prior to Jesus' earthly departure, He started two ordinances for His 12 disciples and those of us that would believe in Him to continue:

## 1. Baptism

## 2. Holy Communion

There are many other things that we do in the name of our Jesus, the Christ that are not wrong, but these two are the respective ceremonies. Jesus left instructions on how to conduct these two rituals.

Acts 2:36-41, tells of the Day of the Pentecostal experience where Peter first preached the gospel of Christ and then compelled the people to first repent, and then be baptized. Baptism takes place after salvation.

<sup>36</sup> "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" <sup>37</sup> Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" <sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. Acts 2:36-41 NLT



## I. INTRODUCTION

Peter is not teaching that you should be baptized in the name of Christ to remit sins, but because your sins have been remitted through Jesus Christ, then one ought to be baptized.

The world is divided into two groups of people.

1. Those which are saved (those who by faith, have trusted Christ as their personal Savior.
2. Those which are unsaved (those who have not yet put their faith and trust in Christ).

If we do a character search through the Bible, we will not find a single record of anyone ever being baptized until first they believed (were saved.)

Reading:

† Acts 2:36-41 - The Day of Pentecost

† Acts 8:26-38 - Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch



## I. INTRODUCTION

### 2. Holy Communion

Believers participate in Holy Communion on a regular basis. It is also known as the Lord's Supper and is a special part of worship that is meant for Believers (Christians) only.

Corinthians 11:23-29

The Lord's Supper was started by Jesus right before He died.  
Read: Luke 22:7-22.

The Lord's Supper has two elements.

1. **The Bread.** Represents the body of Christ on the cross, broken for many. It is usually some sort of cracker or matzo.

2. **The Cup.** Also called the “fruit of the vine” or grape juice. It represents the blood of Christ shed for our sins. It is usually in small cups served in a tray.





## II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

### A. Baptism illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NLT*

*For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. Colossians 2:12 NLT*

### B. Baptism illustrates my new life as a Christian.

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT*

*For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4 NLT*

**Baptism doesn't make you a believer. It shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you. Your faith in Christ does that.**  
*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2: 8-9 NLT*





## II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

- **Baptism is not to save us from our sins.**

Romans 6:3-5 teaches us that baptism sets forth an example of two great Bible truths.

**1) Our old self (sin nature) is buried**

**2) We are raised to new life**

*<sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,*

“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death...

- The word “likeness” is important. It means “picture,” therefore, baptism is a likeness, or picture, of the death burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus.
- Baptism is an outward sign to others of an inward change that has already taken place.
- Baptism is like the wedding ring. One does not wear the ring to be married. The ring is worn to show that they are already married and is not ashamed to show it.

BURIED & RAISED

*Understanding the importance of baptism.*

### III. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

#### **A. To follow the example set by Jesus Christ.**

*One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. Mark 1:9 NLT*

***Read Matthew 3:13-17 - Baptism of Jesus & God's affirmation***

#### **B. Because Christ Commanded it.**

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28: 19-20 NLT*

#### **C. It demonstrates that I really am a believer.**

*But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. Acts 8:12 NLT*

*And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 1 John 2:3 NLT*



**Why Be Baptized**

#### IV. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

**BELIEVERS**

**BELIEVE \* REPENT \* SALVATION \* BAPTISM**

**EVERY PERSON WHO HAS BELIEVED IN CHRIST.”**

*Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day, about 3,000 in all. Acts 2:41 NLT*

*Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. Acts 8:13 NLT*

Some churches practice a “baptism of confirmation” for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the Behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed.

**This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.**



## V. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

### AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect,” you’ll never feel “good enough!”

*Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. Acts 2:41 NLT*

*<sup>35</sup> So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” <sup>38</sup> He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. Acts 8:35-38 NLT*

WHEN SHOULD I GET  
BAPTIZED?

## VI. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

### BECAUSE JESUS WAS BAPTIZED THAT WAY!

*<sup>16</sup> After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.*

*Matthew 3:16 NLT*

### Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

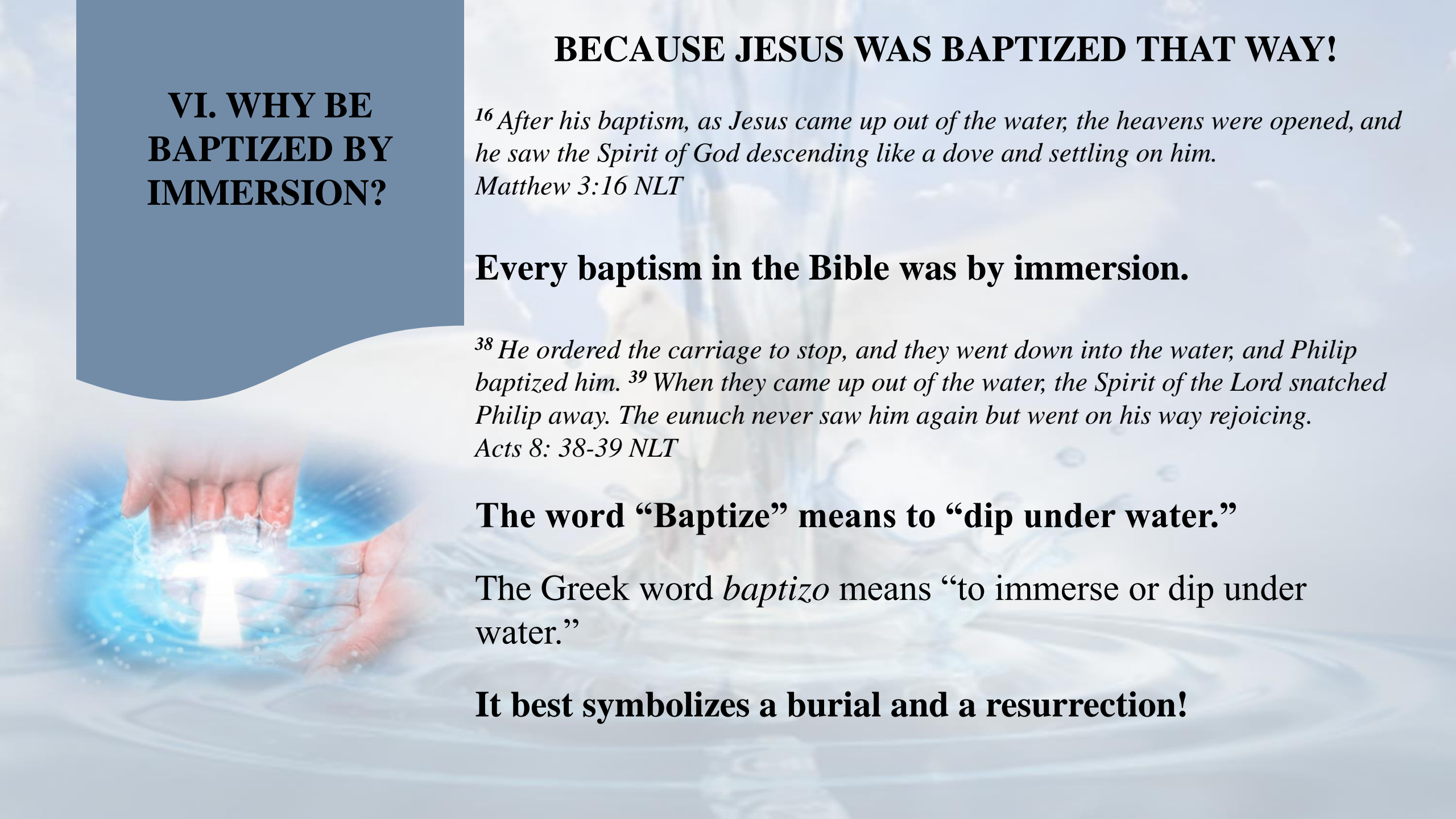
*<sup>38</sup> He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.*

*Acts 8: 38-39 NLT*

### The word “Baptize” means to “dip under water.”

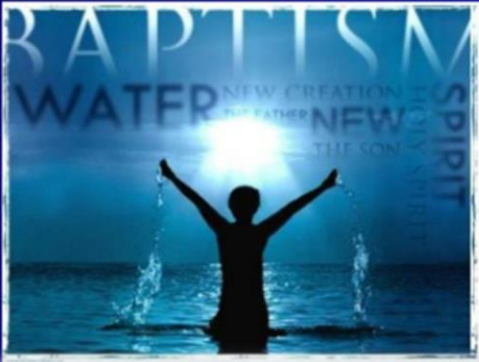
The Greek word *baptizo* means “to immerse or dip under water.”

**It best symbolizes a burial and a resurrection!**



## VII. THREE THINGS TO DO AFTER BAPTISM

After Baptism,  
What Then?



1. **Seek God daily.** The most important commandment God gives us is to love Him above anything else. When you love someone, you seek a relationship with them. Right? Whether that means a scheduled, daily quiet time before school or work, a new Bible plan, or even praying throughout the day just acknowledging Him. Seek God and a relationship with Him.
2. **Find community.** Nothing is harder than trying to do life alone. Find people to walk alongside you.
3. **Start serving.** Whether it's playing an instrument, singing, lending a helping hand, or just making someone smile, God's given you specific talents and He wants to work through you. Serving can change your life. Take your gift and get plugged in at your local church. God wants to use you! Serving can also teach you about how uniquely God has created you.



# VIII. QUESTIONS & SCRIPTURES



- **Before one is baptized, what is necessary for him to do?**

*Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized 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*

- **Toward whom must men repent?**

*Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**. Acts 20:21*

- **Why should one repent toward God?**

*For all have **sinned and come short of the glory of God**. Romans 3:23*

- **After baptism, what should one do?**

*If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Col. 3:1*

A background image showing a dynamic splash of water against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a sense of movement and purity.

## **WHAT TO BRING FOR BAPTISM?**

- Black or dark color sweatpants or tights to go under a surplice or rob that will be provided by the church
- Black or dark color t-shirt (short or long sleeves)
- Socks or water shoes
- Cap for hair