

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT BAPTISM?

We practice baptism by immersion in water, which the way Jesus was baptized and the way the Bible describes. Baptism is the way we declare that Christ has saved us; it is the first thing Jesus commands us to do when we follow him.

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.”

(MARK 1:9-10 ESV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

(MATTHEW 28:19 ESV)

By being water baptized, you are:

1. Following the **Example** set by Christ.
2. Demonstrating that you **Believe** Jesus has saved you.
3. Declaring your commitment to **Follow** Christ as Lord.

Baptism is a vivid picture of our new identity:

Baptism symbolizes that we United with Christ.

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

(ROMANS 6:3-4 ESV)