



BURIAL : As you go under the water



RESURRECTION:
As you come up out of the water



"Jesus was baptized by John in Jordan." (Mark 1 :9)
"And straightway coming up out of the water..."
(Mark 1:10)

Conclusion: Only baptism by immersion pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

"When they believed...they were baptized." Acts 8:12

Conclusion: Baptism comes after, not before, salvation.

LET'S REVIEW BAPTISM

1. Do you know you are saved?
2. Does the Bible say you should be baptized?
3. Why should you be baptized?
4. What does baptism picture?
5. When should you be baptized?

WHAT COMES AFTER BAPTISM?

1. Come to church every Sunday.
Learn more about God and His Word. (Heb. 10:25)
2. Read your Bible every day.
God talks to you through His word. (II Tim. 2:15)
3. Pray every day.
You talk to God through prayer. (I Thess. 5:17)
4. Witness every day.
You talk for God to others. (Acts 1:8)

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UNDERSTANDING



BAPTISM

THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM!

Did you know Jesus walked sixty miles to be baptized? It is so important the Lord recorded it in all four of the gospels. Christ did it for our example and Believers are commanded to follow the Lord in Baptism. Matt. 28:19 Mark 16:16

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is a symbol of the new birth. Putting the whole body under the water signifies the death and burial of our old ways. Coming up out of the water is symbolic of your resurrection in newness of life! It is only a symbol of the new birth in Christ. Sprinkling for baptism does not symbolize the death burial and resurrection!

BAPTISM IS NOT SALVATION NOR IS IT PART OF SALVATION

Only the blood of Jesus Christ can wash away our sins for salvation. Logically speaking, how can getting immersed under water cleanse your sin in God's eyes? Remember in the Old Testament, sin had to be dealt with through a blood sacrifice offered by the High Priest. The Bible is clear, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**" (1 John 1:7).

LET'S MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAVED!

1. Do you know that YOU have sinned?

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)

2. Do you understand that YOUR sin will send you to Hell?

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Rom. 6:23a)

3. Do you understand that Jesus paid for YOUR sin?

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)

4. Have you received Jesus as YOUR Saviour?

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom. 10:13)

If you died now, where would you go?

If you had died before you were saved, where would you have gone?

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Born again believers!

The Bible says that John the Baptist refused to Baptize anyone who was not saved first. So if a person was baptized before their salvation, they must do again.

"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest (be baptized)" (Acts 8:37)

"Then they that gladly received His word were baptized." (Acts 2:41)

Conclusion: Baptism is for believers only.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. To be obedient to the Lord's will, as it is commanded by Christ.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matt. 28: 19)

2. To follow the Lord, as the example Christ set for us.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of Him." (Matt. 3:13)

Conclusion: We are baptized to obey the command of Jesus Christ.

HOW SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Immersion is the true Biblical form of Baptism.

Baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



DEATH : As you enter the water