



# Water Baptism

**T**his is an important biblical step to take. Being water baptised is very important for all Christians and will be one of the most powerful things you will do as a Christian. It is a life-changing event that we encourage you to partake in.

## Importance of Baptism

1. What are the six elementary (basic) teachings that are listed in HEB 6:1-2?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Here in HEB 6 the plural is used for baptism - 'instructions about baptisms'.

Complete EPH 4:4-6 "There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith \_\_\_\_\_; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all".

There is one baptism which is made up of three parts –

- Baptism into the Body of Christ (occurred when you were saved)
- Baptism in Water
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit (will be covered in study seven)

3. Jesus instructed that all believers were to be baptised. Baptism was to be administered by the Church under Jesus' authority (Jesus is the Head of the Church).

Write out MT 28:19

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Write out MK 16:16

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## What Is Baptism?

The Greek word is 'baptizo' which means 'to immerse, to dip and to submerge'.

Read MK 1:9-10 and JN 3:23 and ACTS 8:38. In Baptism you will be fully immersed in water, just like Jesus was. You will go into the water and come out of the water. Baptism usually takes place under the direction of a Christian leader (Pastor, Cell Group leader etc).

The Bible clearly states that a person must be a born again believer before they are baptised.

## Why Should We Be Baptised?

Study the following scriptures and fill in the blank spaces –

1. MT 28:16-20 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. MT 3:13-17 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_, we follow His example.
3. ACTS 2:37-47 The \_\_\_\_\_ also commended it.
4. JN 14:15 We prove our \_\_\_\_\_ to God by \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
5. JAS 2:17&18 We complete our \_\_\_\_\_ by obedience.

## Who Should Be Baptised?

Every believer is commanded to be baptised. In the New Testament individuals were water baptised normally within a few hours of giving their lives to Jesus.

Read ACTS 2:41  
ACTS 8:12  
ACTS 36:39  
ACTS 9:17-18  
ACTS 10:48  
ACTS 16:14-15 & 33

## Conditions For Baptism

1. ACTS 2:37-38 Repentance
2. MK 16:15-16 Belief
3. 1 PT 3:21 A good conscience before God

## Spiritual Significance Of Water Baptism

ROM 6:8 and ROM 6:1-9 as a whole. Water baptism gives you an identity with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. It is an outward act demonstrating what has taken place on the inside of you.

1. Going into the water symbolises the cross. You are saying that when Jesus died, you died.
2. Going under the water symbolises the grave. You are saying that when Jesus was buried, you were buried.
3. Rising up out of the water symbolises His resurrection. You are saying that you now live with Him. In other words you leave the old life behind and rise up out of the water a new person!



When you are being baptised use your faith to leave behind (bury) old habits – anything to do with the occult, wrong attitudes, addictions, sin etc. As you rise up out of the water use your faith to come out a new person. Read COL2:11-12.

Write in your own words what water baptism means –

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