

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Taking the Plunge by Faith

May 26, 2019

1. What is Baptism? Kids edition – Youtube (time: .30 – 5.20).

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2. *When you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and you were raised up with him because of your faith in God's power. God's power was shown when he raised Christ from death. You were spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were not free from the power of your sinful self. But God gave you new life together with Christ. He forgave all our sins. Because we broke God's laws, we owed a debt—a debt that listed all the rules we failed to follow. But God forgave us of that debt. He took it away and nailed it to the cross (Col. 2:12-14, Easy-to-Read Version (ERV).*

3. What might happen if we *decline* a child's request to be baptized because of his age or our sense of his "spiritual immaturity?"

4. What might happen if we *accept* a child's request to be baptized?

5. Here's what seems to be true:

a. Age doesn't seem to be a limitation to the work of God in a person's life (Mt. 18:3; 11:25; Lk. 18:1).

6. Imagine if we came to our faith this way: curious, confident, and un-calloused - ready to believe in God and his goodness!

7. Here's what seems to be true:

b. Baptism follows conversion (Acts 2:41; 8:36-39).