

WHY BAPTISM

1. To follow the example set by JESUS.

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.” Mark 1:9-11(NLT)

2. Because Christ COMMANDS it.

So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20(NIRV)

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved .”But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? Romans 10:13-15(NLT)

To put it in fancy terms, water baptism is AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHURCH.

3. It demonstrates that I really am a BELIEVER.

Peter replied, “All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven.....Those who accepted his message were baptized. Acts 2:38&41(MSG)

Crispus was the synagogue ruler. He and his whole family came to believe in the Lord. Many others who lived in Corinth heard Paul. They too believed and were baptized .Acts 18:8(NIRV)

Water baptism an outward sign of an inward change.

Water baptism does not bring about any change in your life. If you haven’t asked God to remove your sin

WATER BAPTISM GIVES US TWO PICTURES

1. It is a picture Christ’s DEATH and resurrection

That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country. Romans 6:3-5(MSG)

2. It is a picture of 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)

3 REASONS WHY WE BELIEVE BAPTISM IS BY IMMERSION:

A) Because JESUS was baptized that way.

Jesus then appeared, arriving at the Jordan River from Galilee. He wanted John to baptize him. John objected, "I'm the one who needs to be baptized, not *you!*"⁵ But Jesus insisted. "Do it. God's work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism." So John did it. The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters, the skies opened up and he saw God's Spirit—it looked like a dove—descending and landing on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: "This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life." Matthew 3:13-17(MSG)

Jesus got in the river!!

B) Every baptism in the BIBLE was by immersion.

"...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39(NIRV)

C)The word "Baptize" means to DIP UNDER water".

The Greek word baptizo means "to immerse or dip under water".

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED??

As soon as you have believed!