

“The Biblical Doctrine of Baptism”

(Sunday Morning January 11th, 2026)

Selected Scriptures (Acts 8:34-39)

Matt 3:13 “Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him”

Matt 28:19-20 “19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”

Jesus both v _____ and v _____ emphasized the importance of believer's baptism.

Rom 10:9 “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved”

Rom 10:13 “For ‘WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’”

Luke 23:43 “...’Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.’”

I. The Biblical M _____ of Baptism

1) I _____ B _____ is Not Biblical

Mark 10:14 (Reference)

Acts 16:34 (Reference)

When Constantine made Christianity the state religion of Rome in 325 A.D., he also began persecuting all non-Christians, and the way to prove that you were a Christians was by b _____.

2) B _____ R _____ is Not Biblical

Mark 16:16 “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned”

Acts 2:38 “...’Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins’”

3) F _____ I _____ is Biblical

a. New Testament Baptism Required W _____

Mark 1:8 “I baptized you with water; ...”

b. New Testament Baptism Required M _____ W _____

John 3:23 “John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; ...”

John 3:22-23 “22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. 23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there;...”

c. New Testament Baptism Required G _____ D _____ I _____ the Water.

Acts 8:38 “... he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him”

d. New Testament Baptism Required C _____ U _____ O _____ of the Water.

Mark 1:9-10 “9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him”

II. The Biblical M_____ of Baptism

1) It is a S_____ of O_____

1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome”

a. Baptism Meets Our Need for an E_____ of Faith

Acts 2:37 “...they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’
Acts 2:38 “Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ’...”

b. Baptism Meets Our Need for C_____ From Sin

*Matt 15:19-20 “...evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.
20 ...make a man 'unclean'...”*

1 Pet 3:21 “...this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also — not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God” (NIV)

c. Baptism Meets Our Need for Personal A_____

Mark 8:38 “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels”

2) It is a S_____ of C_____

Acts 8:12 “But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike”

Early Christians were not usually even persecuted until after they were baptized, because this is what identified them p_____ as being Christians.

3) It is a S_____ of S_____

Rom 6:3-4 “3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life”

Question = Can sprinkling, by way of comparison, be used to portray the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Answer = _____

Acts 18:24-26 (Turn and Read)

Acts 19:1-5 (Turn and Read)

John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments”