

CBF Discipleship 1.0 – Lesson 2- Baptism

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**Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

Jesus told us to go and make disciples, baptizing them. What is baptism?

- Believers baptism is where a person is baptized in water to demonstrate their identification with Christ.
- In the Old Testament baptism was practiced for the preparation of the Messiah to come. With the New Testament, believers baptism is practiced to identify with the Messiah that has come.

**Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

When a believer is baptized, they are identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

- Although all of our sins are forgiven upon trusting Christ, baptism is a picture of our past being buried and us moving forward in newness of life.
- Baptism does not save the person but shows their seriousness and obedience

Why should a person get baptized?

- Jesus received baptism to identify His life and work with His Father (Matt 3:13-15)
- We should be baptized to identify with Jesus Christ for His transforming work in our life

Who should get baptized?

- Only those who have repented and believed in the Lord Jesus
- **Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "**

How should we be baptized?

- Immersion (go under the water), if possible
- **Matt 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**

Read the story of baptism of the Ethiopian from Acts

**Acts 8:26** Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. **27** So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, **28** was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." **30** So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. **33** In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." **34** So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. **36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" **37** Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. **39** Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

What did the Ethiopian do prior to baptism? (verse 38)

Note that baptism followed after belief.

Summary from today?

Questions to reflect on?	Answer
What truths have you learned today?	
Given what you have learned and/or decided, are there any areas you need to take to the Holy Spirit in prayer?	
What actions should you take in your life to demonstrate what you have learned and committed to?	