



BAPTISM

Overview

Baptism is arguably the most significant event in the Christian journey, next to accepting Jesus as your personal Savior. The Bible has much to say about baptism. As you go through the following Scriptures and questions, ask the Holy Spirit to give you a renewed appreciation of this incredible milestone.

Discussion Questions

1. Do I have to? Often the first question we are asked is, “Do I have to get baptized to be saved?” Excellent question with a Biblically straightforward answer. In a word....no. In reality, you are saved *before* you get baptized. What does **Ephesians 2:8-9** say about salvation? How about the thief on the cross (**Luke 23:40-43**)? And how about Cornelius (**Acts 10:44-48**)?
2. Why should I? Read **Matthew 3:13-17**. Why was Jesus baptized? Why didn't John want to baptize Jesus? What happened directly after Jesus' baptism?
3. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. What did Jesus command that we do? Has the church been obeying this most direct of commands? Why, or why not? Have you been obeying this command?
4. When should I? Read **Acts 8:26-40**. When did the Ethiopian eunuch want to be baptized? Read **Acts 22:11-16**. What did Ananias encourage Paul to do? What do you think keeps people from getting baptized these days?
5. Significant. Read **Romans 6:3-4**. What does Paul say is the significance of baptism? What does it mean to join Christ “in His death?” Finally, read **Galatians 3:27**. What does it mean to “put on Christ?” Can people see Jesus in you?

No doubt baptism is a significant day in the Christian journey. If you have been baptized, take a few moments to describe to the group why it was so significant in your life.