

The Celebration of Baptism

Matthew 28:19; Selected Passages (ESV)

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UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

1. Q: What is baptism?

A: Baptism is a ritual by which a person makes a _____
_____ in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19).

- Baptism is the first step in becoming a follower of Jesus (i.e., disciple). There are no prerequisites other than belief—one does not need to “feel ready spiritually” or have it all together before being baptized.

2. Q: What am I professing by being baptized?

A: I am professing my faith that Jesus is:

- My _____—that Jesus lived, died, and was resurrected to save me from my sins and give me eternal life.
- My _____—that Jesus is the ruler of my life; as such, I bury my old life and live a new life in Christ (Romans 6:1-4).

3. What are the methods of baptism?

A: Depending on the church tradition or affiliation, the method of baptism is normally _____, sprinkling, or pouring.

4. Q: Can those who have been infant baptized be baptized again once he or she becomes a conscious believer?

A: That depends on one's interpretation on the relationship between Old Testament _____ and New Testament baptism (Colossians 2:11-12; Romans 4:11; Genesis (17:10-12).

5. Q: Why should I be baptized?

A: I should be baptized out of _____ to Christ and to _____ God's gift of eternal life in my life (Acts 2:38; Matthew 28:19).

6. Q: In the end, what is the significance of baptism?

A: It is a focus on _____
_____ for us!

CENTRAL TRUTH

Celebrate God's love for you through baptism!