

Believer's Baptism

1. Baptism does not SAVE anyone.

Acts 2:41

*"So those who **received** his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."*

Acts 8:12

*"But when they **believed** Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."*

Acts 10:44-48

*"While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. [45] And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. [46] For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, [47] "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who **have received** the Holy Spirit just as we have?" [48] And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."*

Baptism is not something that a person does to be saved;
Baptism is something that a saved person does.

2. Baptism is an OUTWARD sign of an INWARD work.

3. Baptism symbolizes that the believer's SINS HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY

Titus 3:4-5

*"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the **washing of regeneration** and renewal of the Holy Spirit..."*

Acts 22:16

*"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and **wash away your sins**, calling on his name."*

4. Baptism symbolizes the believer's UNION with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6:3-4

*"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into his death**? [4] We were buried therefore **with him** by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."*

Colossians 2:11-12

*"**In him** also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried **with him** in baptism, in which you were also raised **with him** through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead."*

5. Baptism is IMMERSION into water

Mark 1:5 – “...they were being baptized by him **in the river Jordan**”

Mark 1:10 – “And when He came **up out of the water...**”

John 3:23 – “John also was baptizing...because **water was plentiful** there”

Acts 8:36-39 – “...and they both **went down into the water...**and he baptized him...and when they **came up out of the water**, the Spirit of the Lord carried him away.”

6. Jesus was PERFECTLY BAPTIZED for you!

Matthew 3:13-17

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. [14] John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” [15] But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to **fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he consented. [16] And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; [17] and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”