

Baptism FAQ

Is Baptism Necessary?

Should Denominations Divide Over Baptism?

Should There Be a Waiting Period Before Baptism?

What About "Rebaptism"?

Who Should Perform Baptisms?

At What Age Should Someone Get Baptized?

Good Resources

Going Public: Why Baptism Is Required for Church membership by Bobby Jamieson (B&H, 2015)

Believer's Baptism: Sign of the New Covenant in Christ edited by Thomas R. Schreiner and Shawn D. Wright (B&H, 2006)

Understanding Baptism by Bobby Jamieson (B&H, 2016)

Understanding Four Views on Baptism edited by John H. Armstrong (Zondervan, 2007)

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Equip—Baptism **Class 5: A Baptism Primer**



Introduction

"Baptism pictures and promotes the gospel. And baptism designates and draws a line around the people of the gospel—those who have repented of sin and trusted in Christ. Baptism matters because of the gospel it so vividly signifies." – Bobby Jamieson

What Does Baptism Show Us?

Union with Christ

Colossians 3:1-3

Romans 6:3-4

Galatians 3:26-27

Cleansing of Sins

Acts 22:16

Acts 2:38

Initiation into God's People

Acts 2:41, 42-47

Ephesians 4:4-5

Who Should Be Baptized?

The Case for Infant Baptism

1. The continuity in the "covenant of grace" shows that baptism is the new circumcision, and like circumcision it is to be given to the children of believers.

Colossians 2:11-12

2. The household baptisms in Acts show that in the new covenant God is still dealing with families as families.
3. Rejecting infant baptism kicks children out of the church.

The Problems with Infant Baptism

1. Infant baptism applies the sign of union with Christ to those who united to Christ.
2. Infant baptism confuses being born of Christian parents with being born again by the Spirit.
3. Infant baptism undermines the church's saltiness and lightness (Matthew 5:13-16).

4. Infant baptism makes God's new covenant promise less than a promise.

Acts 2:39

5. The texts they use for their position do not hold up under scrutiny.

Why Should Believers Be Baptized?

The Command of Christ

Matthew 28:18-20

The Benefits of Baptism

Confessing Faith Strengthens Faith

Baptism Is Ready-Made Evangelism

Baptism Encourages the Church

How Should We Baptize Believers?

Mode

Context