

“The Celebration of Baptism”
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Matthew 28:19; Selected Passages (ESV)

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

1. Q: What is baptism?

A: Baptism is a ritual by which a person makes a **profession of faith** in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19).

2. Q: What is the meaning of baptism?

A: Baptism is purely symbolic. It is the outward expression of one's: (1) **belief** in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and (2) **commitment** to live a new life in Christ (Romans 6:1-4).

3. Q: What are the methods of baptism?

A: Depending on the church tradition or affiliation, the method of baptism is normally **immersion**, 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 **circumcision** 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 **obedience** to Christ and to **celebrate** 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 **God's unconditional and sacrificial love** for us!

CENTRAL TRUTH

Celebrate God's love for you through baptism!