

A Biblical View of Christian Baptism

Selected Scriptures

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ROSA MORENO 1301 W 38TH ST 201 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78745		MARIA ARELLANO Signature and Title		01/02/1950 Date Signed	
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First	Middle	Last			
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- Theme: Every true believer should be baptized to proclaim their salvation in Christ

I. What is baptism?

A. A Picture of the Gospel

- What is the Gospel?

What is the Gospel?

I. God

- A. Is Creator & Owner (Gen 1:1; Ps 24:1)
- B. Is Holy (Lev 19:2)

II. Man

- A. Is Sinful (Rom 3:23; Ps 51:5)
- B. Is Accountable (Rom 6:23)

III. Christ

- A. Is Savior (Rom 5:8)
- B. Is Lord (Col 3:24)

IV. Response

- A. Repent (Mark 1:15)
- B. Believe (Eph 2:8)

I. What is baptism?

A. A Picture of the Gospel (Rom 6:3-4; Col 2:12)

- “Baptism as the initiatory event in the lives of believers represents death to the old way of life and the birth of a new life.”
—Tom Schreiner

B. A Proclamation of Allegiance (Acts 2:41; Matt 10:32)

C. A Command to be Obeyed (Matt 28:18-20)

D. NOT A Requirement for Salvation (Luke 23:43; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)

- But what about 1 Peter 3:21?
“Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”

II. Who should be baptized?

A. Not Infants (Acts 16:34; 18:8; John 1:12-13; Acts 2:39)

- “Children should be marked as belonging to the covenant, but unless they exercise saving faith, they will not grab hold of the covenant blessings.”
— Kevin DeYoung
- “One is not physically born a member of the kingdom, but instead he must believe in Christ and be born again to become a member.”
— Matt Waymeyer
- “Membership in the new covenant comes by new birth, not physical birth.”
— Bobby Jamieson

B. Not Unbelievers (1 John 1:6; Matt 7:21)

C. Believers (Matt 28:19)

- “If only those who are born again belong to this covenant, then only those who are born again should receive the covenant sign of baptism.”
— Bobby Jamieson

III. When should someone be baptized?

A. Once they are a believer in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; Matt 28:19)

- Why wait?
 - Good – to give time for parents/church leaders to affirm their confession
 - “True conversion manifests itself over time. Time allows the child’s faith to mature and evidence itself consistently.” — Mark Dever
 - Bad – to avoid being baptized

B. Only once

IV. Where should you be baptized?

- Ideally, in the context of a local church (Matt 28:19-20)
 - 19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- What about Acts 8:38?
 - “And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”

V. How should you be baptized?

A. The Pattern of the NT – Immersion (Acts 8:38-39; Matt 3:16)

B. The Process at Countryside

1. Application
2. Class
3. Testimony Review
4. Baptism

VI. Why should you be baptized?

- A. To Obey Christ's Command (Matt 28:19)
- B. To Picture the Gospel (Rom 6:3-4)
- C. To Proclaim Allegiance to Jesus (Acts 2:38)
- D. To Commit to Christ's People (1 Cor 12:13)

VI. Why should you be baptized?

E. Bad Reasons to be Baptized

1. I want to look holy/spiritual
2. My friends are doing it
3. My parents are making me
4. I want to join a ministry team/church and it's a requirement

F. Bad Reasons to Avoid being Baptized

1. I was baptized as an infant
2. I'm afraid of public speaking
3. I'm afraid of what my family/friends will think / I don't want people knowing I'm a Christian
 - "If the prospect of baptism is testing your faith, then it's just the test you need. Will you pass it?" — Bobby Jamieson

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- **Theme: Every true believer should be baptized to proclaim their salvation in Christ**

Will you officially declare that you are born again by the power of the Gospel, that you pledge your ultimate allegiance to Jesus Christ and His church by obeying Him in baptism?

