

Baptism Sunday

Foundations - Part 2

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*“¹⁹He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’ ²⁰After supper He took another cup of wine and said, ‘This cup is the **new covenant between God and His people**—an agreement confirmed with My blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.” Luke 22:19-20 (NLT)*

“For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until He comes again.” 1 Corinthians 11:26 (NLT)

Baptism is an outward physical symbol of an inward spiritual transformation.

*“... People should be baptized **to show** that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.” Mark 1:4 (NLT)*

If you have turned from your sin and put your faith in Jesus, your next step is baptism.

Important truths about baptism:

- Every baptism in the Bible was done **after** a person put their faith in Jesus.
- The Greek word “baptizō” means: to dip under water.
- When should a person be baptized?
 - As soon as you have put your faith in Jesus.
 - *“³⁶As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?’ ³⁸He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.” Acts 8:36,38 (NLT)*

Christians follow Jesus until things get uncomfortable.

Disciples say “Yes, Lord, whatever You want. Now, what is the question?”

Common reasons people hesitate to be baptized:

- *I’m too nervous to get up in front of people.*
- *I’m not a good enough Christian to be baptized.*
 - Baptism is not the **finish line** but the **starting line**.
- *I’m waiting for someone else to get baptized.*
- *I was baptized as an infant.*

“What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. ... ” Acts 22:16 (NLT)

Reasons people don’t wait another second to be baptized:

- *I love Jesus and I can’t believe what He did for me. I want to tell the world WHO I am and WHOSE I am. Jesus has transformed my life and made me new! I’m far from perfect, but I’m all His!*