

# BAPTISM



**Buried with Christ,  
Raised to walk  
in the newness  
of LIFE.**



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# Chapter 1

## WHO, WHAT, & WHY OF BAPTISM

We want to start off by asking and answering some of the most basic questions concerning baptism. We know that Christians in the New Testament were baptized as a part of their faith. But let's look closely at who was first baptized, what it means to be baptized, and the pertinent question of "Why do I need to be baptized?"

\_\_\_\_\_ **was First Baptized.**

After walking approximately \_\_\_\_\_ miles, our Lord and Savior, \_\_\_\_\_, was baptized by John the Baptist in Matthew 3:13-17.

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

<sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. <sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**v. 13** He did it of his own \_\_\_\_\_.

**v. 14** He would not be \_\_\_\_\_.

**v. 15** He did it to fulfill all \_\_\_\_\_.

**v. 16-17** His father (God) was \_\_\_\_\_.

## Digging Deeper: What is the significance of Jesus' baptism?

To \_\_\_\_\_ His ministry.

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To set \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_.

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To \_\_\_\_\_ His Heavenly Father.

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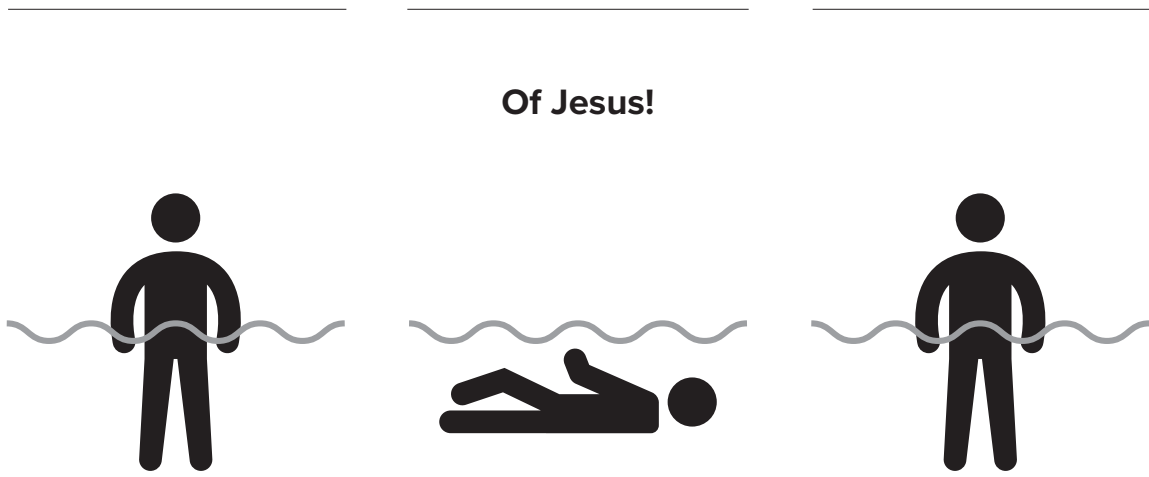
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# Christian Baptism is a Picture of...

Romans 6:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.



Greek word: \_\_\_\_\_ ➡ To fully \_\_\_\_\_

**Where did sprinkling originate?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism is clearly a picture of a \_\_\_\_\_.**

## Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism in the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### Marching Orders of the Church

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- Make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations (to teach them about Jesus).
- \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Teach them to \_\_\_\_\_ everything I have ever commanded you.  
(Review 1 – 2 – 3)

There isn't any doubt that every person who follows Christ is to be baptized into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These are the marching orders of the Church in the first century. They were following Jesus' instructions to evangelize the entire world.