

## BAPTISM

### What is it to be baptized?

The Greek word "baptō" denotes an act of being completely covered with some kind of fluid. In the New Testament, baptism refers to the complete immersion of a person in water.

### Why should I be baptized?

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16)

...in the days of Noah... eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet 3:20-21)

Baptism refers to a salvation from the world, NOT from perdition. Belief in the Lord Jesus alone is enough to be saved eternally, and to have God's eternal life.

However, baptism separates you from the world unto God. Baptism is also a good opportunity to witness before your friends and family of your new faith.

### What is the significance of baptism?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

Baptism allows us to partake of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. We have been "crucified with Christ" (Gal 2:20), entering the water shows death and burial and coming out of the water shows resurrection and Ascension with Christ.

### When should I be baptized? Should I wait to be baptized?

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:36-37)

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized (Acts 22:16)

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. (Acts 16:33)

According to these verses, as soon as you believe with all of your heart, you should be baptized immediately.

### I was baptized at birth or before I believed in Christ, does that count?

According to the Bible, you believe with all of your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God before you are baptized. Baptism is just an outward display that follows your inward belief.

## The Lord's Table/Communion

### What is the Lords Table?

While they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." (Mark 14:22-24)

This is a ritual that Jesus and Paul both commanded us to continue in. The Lord initiated it, the saints continued in it, and Paul commanded that we do it. The bread and wine and in the Lord's Table portray the body and blood of Jesus

### Why should partake of it?

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (1 Cor 11:24-25)

Often, taking the Lord's Table refocuses our lives. It causes us to focus on Christ afresh. It also reminds us of what Jesus did for us on the cross. His body was broken and his blood was shed for us in order that just by believing into him we may have this forgiveness of sins

### Patterns of breaking bread in the New Testament:

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, (Acts 2:46)

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. (Acts 20:7)