

# Church Stuff: Why Be Baptized?

## Matthew 28.18-20

### I. WHAT? The Meaning of Baptism -- \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Death/Burial/Resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rom. 4.25; 6.1-11; Col. 2.6-14)
- B. Death/Burial/Resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rom. 6.1-11; Gal. 3.27; Col. 2.10-13, 20; 3.1-3)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ baptism into the body of Christ  
(Rom. 6.3; Gal 3.27; 1 Cor 12.13)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ and Intent to Follow Christ (Rom. 6.4-7)
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ (Mt. 28.19-20)
- F. Washing away of one's sins (Titus 3.5; Ac 22.16)  
Baptism does **NOT** wash away sins—only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ does  
(1 Jn 1.7; Eph 1.7; Heb 9.14,22; 10.4,10,14; Rev 1.5)

### II. HOW? The Mode of Baptism – \_\_\_\_\_

- A. New Testament
  - 1. *Baptizw*—plunge, dip, immerse, sink, drown, bury, cover
  - 2. Settings—Mt. 3.16; Mark 1.5, 10; Jn 3.23; Ac 8.38
  - 3. Meaning. Change the mode=change the meaning.
- B. Church History
  - 1. Early church baptized by immersion
  - 2. Sprinkling and infant baptism were introduced in second century w/the **false** teaching of baptismal regeneration
  - 3. Immersion was the prevalent mode until the middle ages.
  - 4. In the Reformation, Martin Luther and John Calvin recognized immersion as the NT mode.

### III. WHO? The Subjects of Baptism – \_\_\_\_\_

In the NT, \_\_\_\_\_ were baptized immediately \_\_\_\_\_ conversion. (Ac 2.41; 8.12; 10.44-48; 16.14-15; 16.31-34; Gal 3.27; Rom 6.3-4; Col 2.12)  
Only see 1 person in the NT who was saved but not baptized:

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Do not see one infant baptized in the NT.  
In the NT, baptism immediately followed belief.

### IV. WHY? The Mandate for Baptism-- \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Example of Christ. (Mt. 3.13-17; Mk. 1.9-13; Lk. 3.21-22)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Mt. 28.18-20)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ of the NT church (Ac 2.41; 8.12-13, 35-39; 9.18; 10.44-48; 16.14-15; 16.31-34; 18.8; 19.1-5)

**Baptism by immersion is the New Testament way of professing your faith in Jesus Christ.**