

What Is Baptism?

Definition	Symbolism	Salvation	Baby Baptism
<p>#G911 - bapto - root</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to dip, dip in, immerse, to dip into dye, to dye, to color - Lk 16:24 (Lazarus's finger) - Jn 13:26 (bread dipped and given to Judas) - Rev 19:13 (Jesus was clothed with a robe dipped in blood) - To whelm - cover wholly with fluid - to moisten - to stain - to immerse <p>#G907 - baptizo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it produces a permanent change (like the pickle) - To dip repeatedly, to immerse until changed, to submerge - To cleanse by dipping or submerging - To wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self - To overwhelm - Changed into Christ's likeness through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit <p>#G908 - baptism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - immersion, submersion - Purification, confession, forgiveness, profession of faith - born again by the Spirit unto a new life - public declaration 	<p>Outward expression of inward decision</p> <p>Visual testimony of our commitment to Christ</p> <p>First step of discipleship (Acts 8:26-39)</p> <p>You stand with Christ in the water and you die with Him</p> <p>You are buried in the water - as He was buried in the tomb</p> <p>You rise again from beneath the water as He rose from the grave</p> <p>Under the water - the believer's old dead self should stay</p> <p>Rising up - cleansed to walk in newness of life (II Cor 5:15-17, 21; Ro 6:4)</p> <p>Symbol of our commitment and devotion</p> <p>Identification with Christ - taking on His identity - pickle in the brine</p>	<p>Not required for salvation</p> <p>No external act is necessary for salvation - divine grace through faith alone (Rom 3:22-30; 4:5; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:8-9; Phil 3:9)</p> <p>Paul never made baptism a part of the gospel presentation I Cor 1:17</p> <p>Jn 15:3 - the word of God cleaned - not baptism</p> <p>Problem Scriptures Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16</p> <p>Not saying that it is necessary for salvation - it is just the next logical step (Ethiopian Eunuch)</p> <p>Belief - grants salvation Disbelief - causes condemnation</p>	<p>Teaching from the church fathers in the 2nd and 3rd century - baptism washes away sins</p> <p>If you died without being baptized you would go to hell (purgatory) = your sins aren't forgiven</p> <p>High infant mortality rate - baptizing infants as soon as possible</p> <p>Sprinkling became a thing so as not having to submerge infants under water</p> <p>Rom 6:1-10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Picture of death, burial, resurrection 2. Personal testimony of washing away our sins and resurrected to a new life 3. Personal identification with Christ <p>Commitment to Christ always preceded baptism</p>