

Washed by Him

(Romans 6:2-9, Colossians 2:12-15)

Memory Verse:

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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)"

I. Fundamentals of believer's baptism

- A. The English word "baptize" is translated from the Greek βαπτίζω baptize that means; to dip, plunge, to make fully wet, to _____.
- B. Christian baptism is the immersion of a _____ in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C. _____ in scripture is infant or baby baptism found.
- D. It is an act of _____ symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.
- E. It is a testimony to his or her _____ in the final resurrection of the dead.
- F. Baptism is a _____ of one's salvation, but it does not save you.

II. What are examples of believer's baptism by immersion?

- A. "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went _____ of the water... (Matthew 3:16, NIV)"
- B. " Philip and the eunuch _____ the water and Philip baptized him. When they came _____ of the water... (Acts 8:38-39, NIV)"
- C. Peter replied, "Repent and _____, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call...Those who accepted his message were _____, and about _____ were added to their number that day (Acts 2:38-41, NIV)."

Action:

- 1. Live a life that pleases Christ by _____ to get baptized by immersion.
- 2. Know that God's _____ and _____ is greater than your sin.

III. Under the Water = Symbol of joining Christ in His _____ (Romans 6:1-9)

Christ: The wrath of God the Father for all sins of the world was upon Christ during His death on the Cross.

Me: The wrath from God that I deserved was put upon Christ on the cross. My wickedness was part of the wrath and punishment on the cross during His death. (Romans 1:18, John 3:36)

Christ: As Christ is dying on the cross he substitutes His righteousness for our wickedness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Me: Our lawless selves that were slaves to sin dies with Christ in his death. Our old self dies on the cross with Christ. (Romans 6:5-6)

IV. Above the Water = Symbol of joining Christ in His life (Colossians 2:12-14)

Christ: His resurrection from the grave defeats our slavery from sin because He canceled the charges of our sin (Colossians 2:12-14)

Me: Christ saves me.

Christ: Christ is raised to life.

Me: I begin a new life.

Christ: Sin loses its hold on us because Christ has disarmed the threat of sin.

Me: Let sin die in my life. (1 John 3:4-6)

Action:

1. Let sin die in my life by not feeding my evil desires.
2. Know I am _____ on God for guidance and direction in my life's choices.
3. Belong and _____ to your church.

Next Steps:

1. Live a life that pleases Christ by submitting to get baptized by immersion.
2. Know that God's grace and forgiveness is greater than your sin.
3. Let sin die in my life by not feeding my evil desires.
4. Know I am dependent on God for guidance and direction in my life's choices.
5. I will belong and bond to my church.