



Salvation > Baptism in Water

*“Corresponding to that **baptism** now saves you – not the removal of the dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” **I Peter 3:21***

Baptism (Transliterated instead of Translated) – **baptizó: to dip, sink**

Definition: dip, submerge, but specifically of ceremonial dipping; baptize.

One of the few commands that involve an external ceremony/ritual. This is one area that those who want to intellectually reason it out would stumble over (1 Cor. 1:23). Why should I get baptized, do I not already believe in my heart (repented, faith in Christ's death on the cross and justified) why do I need to do this ritual of baptism?

- Jesus command that we baptized (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16)
- Jesus gave us His example of being baptized (Matt. 3:13-17)
- The apostles taught on the baptism and baptized others (Acts 10:47, 48; Acts 8:36-38)
- Obedience of faith not reason (Rom. 1:5, 2 Cor. 5:7)

John the Baptist

Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." (Acts 19:4). To be baptized in water there should be fruits of repentance (Matt. 3:8). There was a testimony of John the Baptist that Jesus attested was towards salvation (John 5:33, 34; Matt. 21:28-32).

The apostles then baptized in water in the same manner with repentance (baptism in water) to be followed by the baptism in the Holy Spirit (by Jesus) to lead into life in the Spirit (Acts 11:16-18; Matt. 3:11)

2 Kings 5:1-14 Naaman in 2 Kings 5:11 was furious when Elisha would not come out to meet him but rather send his servant to go and dip himself in the Jordan river, do you see the same reaction to the obedience of faith?

- When Naaman later obeyed what Elisha said by faith he was healed of the leprosy.

Baptism in the name of Jesus (Acts 10:48): Baptized in the name of the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit

Pictures of Baptism of Water in the scriptures

- Crossing of the Red Sea going through the Walls of Water (1 Cor. 10:2)
 - Egypt a picture of the world, Pharaoh a picture of the Satan, being in bondage to the slavery of sin
 - Going through the Red Sea - freed from the kingdom of the darkness and being transferred into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13)
- Noah's ark going through the Flood of Water (1 Peter 3:18-21)
 - The world was being judged by the flood but those in the Ark were safe from the judgement (for sin) and those in the ark came out of the ark into a new world (newness of life) (Rom. 6:4)
- Partaking in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus
 - Testify that our old man has died and that we have been resurrected by faith into the newness of life in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:1-11)