

ANSWERING THE CALL

WHAT HAPPENS IN WATER BAPTISM?

Read the following verses for clarity on these questions.

Romans 6:3 - At baptism we are identifying with Jesus' death and His rising from the dead.

Romans 6:4 - We have been given newness of life (dead to our old nature).

Galatians 3:27 - At baptism we put on Christ, we have a new covering and a new life.

You can expect that each of God's promises to you regarding water baptism will be fulfilled as you obey Him. Perhaps you have an area or habit in your life that you would like God to particularly release you from. Begin NOW to believe God! In your water baptism you are making a stronger commitment of your decision to walk God's way. Prepare now by beginning to believe the promises of God for yourself.

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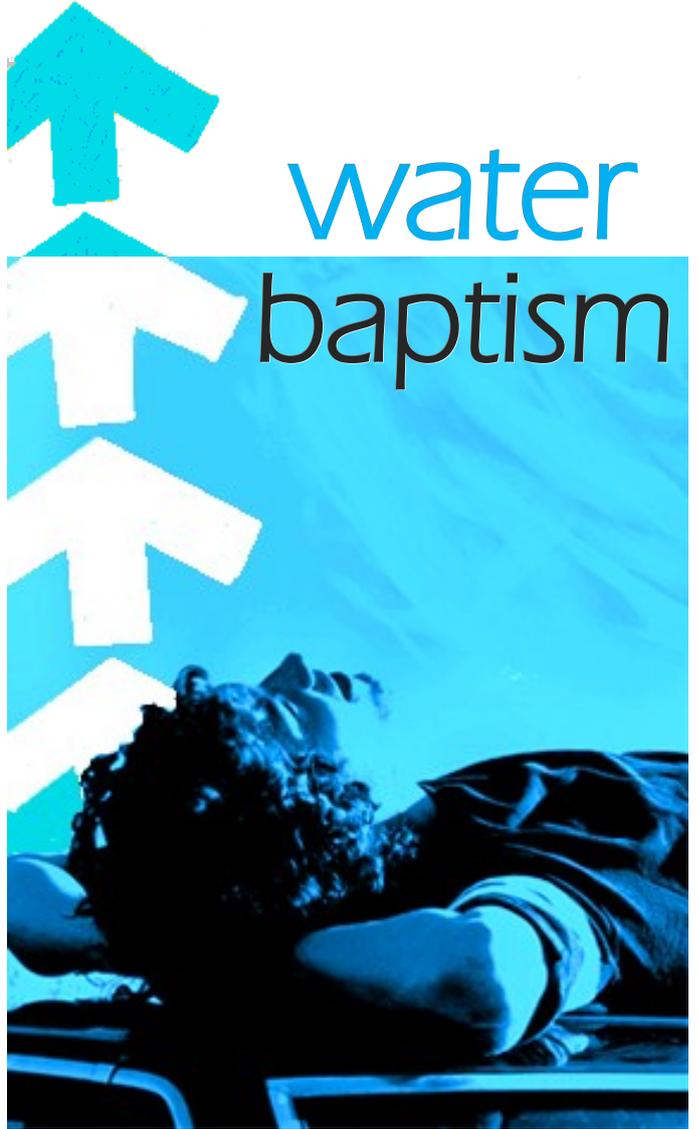
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Jesus spoke about water baptism as an automatic response to salvation.

Mark 16:15-16 "And He said unto them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptised will be saved, but he who does not will be condemned.' "

In the early church, new Christians were baptised after salvation. Acts 10 tells how Peter preached to a man called Cornelius and his household. Immediately following their salvation, Peter commanded them to be baptised in water (Acts 10:48).

WHY DO WE TOTALLY IMMERSE IN WATER?

Baptism is a word that means: '*to dip or plunge or submerge.*' The following Bible passages will show some examples of this next step.

1. Acts 8:38 - Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water (literally)
2. John 3:23 - John the Baptist looked for a body of water or "much water"
3. Romans 6:4-5 - The Apostle Paul refers to baptism as a form of burial of the old nature then being raised with Christ into a new likeness with Him and a newness of life.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTISED?

As soon as possible!

Read the following verse from your Bible...

Acts 2:41 - it was the "same day"

Acts 8:12, 37, 38 - "when they believed"

Acts 16:33 - "the same hour"

So as soon as you receive Jesus as your Saviour you can be baptised!

I WAS BAPTISED WHEN I WAS A BABY. IS THIS THE SAME?

Infant christening or baptism is not mentioned in Scripture, however, the Word of God tells us of how parents brought their children to Jesus to be blessed (Mark 10:16).

As a baby, Jesus was dedicated in the temple.

Infant baptism is a decision made by the parents of a child. Bible baptism is a decision made by the believer, by his/her own free will; who has decided to follow the teachings of Jesus.

