

# ANSWERING THE CALL

## 9. BAPTISM IS IN THE DIVINE PATHWAY TO CHRISTIAN UNITY

In John 17:20-21, Jesus prayed that those who believe on Him might be One. Through baptism, we become a part of the family of God where together with other believers, we can serve God in unity, just as Jesus prayed, and further His Kingdom. (Acts 2:38,42)

## 10. BAPTISM IS A TEST OF OUR LOVE FOR HIM WHO DIED FOR US

"If you love me, keep my commandments" - John 14:15  
"And now why are you waiting? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16  
"And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!'. And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely!" Revelation 22:17

Christian baptism is extremely important to our salvation and its sacredness and significance in God's divine plan for our lives - our redemption, can be clearly seen in His written Word.

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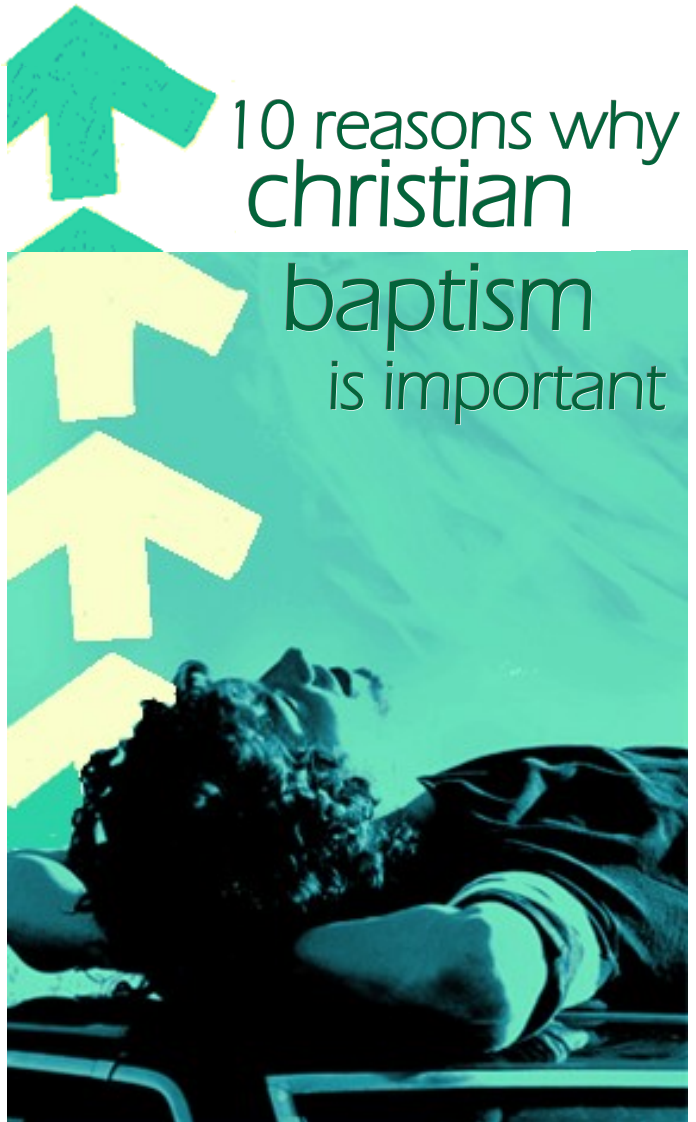
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question the very authority, solidarity and wisdom of God!

## 1. JESUS PUT BAPTISM IN THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matt 28:18-20

The Great Commission is the law of the Kingdom of God; Jesus Himself put Christian baptism in the Great Commission. So to question Christian Baptism and its importance is to

## 2. BAPTISM IS EMBRACED IN THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-4 records the Apostles being baptized in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Being filled with the Spirit, they preached, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". So to question the sacred importance of baptism is to question the Word of the Holy Spirit"

## 3. WE ARE BAPTIZED "INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT"

Matt 28:19, Acts 2:38

In baptism, we are voluntarily committed to a new faith and life; consecrated to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## 4. BAPTISM IS CONNECTED WITH SALVATION

In Mark 16:15-16, Jesus said "He who believes and is baptized will be saved..."

In Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16

Water baptism followed conversion.

## 5. A PENITENT BELIEVER IS BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, INTO HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION, & INTO THE LIVING BODY OF CHRIST (THE CHURCH)

(1) At baptism we "put on" Christ - Gal 3:27

(2) At baptism, we are baptized into His death - Rom 6:3

(3) At baptism, we are baptized by One Spirit, into One Body (the Church) - 1 Cor 12:13

## 6. IN CHRISTIAN BAPTISM A SINNER IS BORN AGAIN

When we are baptized according to the sacred Word of God, we are...born anew; washed, sanctified, justified (1 Cor 6:11; a new creature in Christ (2 Cor 5:17); a child of God, and joint-heir of God with Christ (Rom 8:17); and we can walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4-11).

## 7. WHEN A PERSON IS BAPTIZED, HE RECEIVES THE SEAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:38, Acts 5:32

At baptism, we are "sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise; He is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption..." Ephesians 1:13-14

How precious is this gift of the Holy Spirit!

## 8. BAPTISM COMMEMORATES THE DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

In baptism, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is appropriately represented. Just as Jesus died and was buried, our old self is buried in the watery grave. And just as Jesus rose again in victory, we too are raised to walk in newness of life with Jesus!!

Romans 6:3-5

