

## The word “baptism” means:

Baptism, baptize – to dip, to \_\_\_\_\_, to submerge; to completely cover. The term baptism has also been used in the English language throughout the centuries to describe an initiation, introduction, debut, beginning, launching or induction.

## There are \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism’s found in scripture:

- 1) Moses’ baptism of Israel under the cloud and in the \_\_\_\_\_ – Exodus 13-14; 1 Cor. 10:1-4
- 2) John the Baptist – to manifest Christ to Israel before the crucifixion - Mt. 3:1-11; Jo. 1:31
- 3) Christ’s baptism into \_\_\_\_\_ on Calvary’s cross – Mt. 20:22
- 4) Peter’s baptism of repentance to \_\_\_\_\_ after the crucifixion – Acts 2:38
- 5) Church age saints \_\_\_\_\_ baptism into Christ – Ro. 6:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:12
- 6) Church age saints immersion in \_\_\_\_\_ to identify with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection – Mt. 28:19; Acts 8:38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:33
- 7) Christ’s baptism of \_\_\_\_\_ for all unbelievers - Mt. 3:11-12; 2 Thess. 1:8

Note: Obviously when the word baptism is used in scripture it does \_\_\_\_\_ always mean the agent is “water.”

## What water baptism is not:

- 1) Water baptism is \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation – Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5

Some examples:

*The NT anchor book regarding salvation – Romans 10:1-13*

*The thief on the cross – Luke 23:42-43; Hebrews 9:15-17 with John 19:32-33*

*The Ethiopian eunuch – Acts 8:36-39*

*The apostle Paul – Acts 9:17-18*

*The Philippian jailer and his house – Acts 16:25-33*

*All babies enter the presence of the Lord upon death without water baptism – 2 Samuel 12:23*

- 2) Water baptism is \_\_\_\_\_ to place a person into the local church. Water baptism is \_\_\_\_\_ a formality a person must complete in order to join the First Baptist Church of Jackson...

## What water baptism is:

- 1) Baptism is a public act of identification with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ – 1 Cor. 15:1-4
- It \_\_\_\_\_ portrays the spiritual truth of the gospel we believed to save us and unite us with God in Christ – Romans 6:1-7
 

<i>Christ died</i>	...	<i>I died (spiritually)</i>
<i>He was buried</i>	...	<i>I was buried (spiritually)</i>
<i>He was raised</i>	...	<i>I was raised (spiritually)</i>
  
  - It is complete physical \_\_\_\_\_ in water – The only way to bury someone is to put them completely underground. Therefore, the biblical method of baptism is complete immersion.
- 2) Baptism is the first \_\_\_\_\_ act of \_\_\_\_\_ in service to the Lord
- Jesus was baptized in public \_\_\_\_\_ he began His public ministry – Mk. 1:9-11; Lu. 3:21-22; Mt. 3:13-17
  
  - God \_\_\_\_\_ us to be baptized – Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 10:48; 1 Cor. 4:16, 11:1; Jo. 14:15; 15:14. Therefore, water baptism is a personal public testimony that Jesus Christ is our Lord because we have obeyed Him.
  
  - The Ethiopian eunuch, the apostle Paul, and the Philippian jailer and his house were \_\_\_\_\_ baptized as an act unto salvation, but rather as an act of submission and obedience to the Lord.
  
  - This point of \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience is the single most important thing to realize regarding water baptism.
  
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  - \_\_\_\_\_ Water baptism always comes \_\_\_\_\_ salvation – NT water baptism is for believers only and must take place after a person is “born again” – Acts 8:36-39, 9:18, 16:25-33, 18:8
  
  - Water baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_ act - The location is not important. However, the fact that it is public is important.

**Concluding key points concerning water baptism:**

- 1) It is \_\_\_\_\_ essential for salvation – Ro. 10:9-13; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5
  
- 2) It is essential for \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 28:19-20 (the “great commission”) proves it is essential.
  
- 3) Before anyone can be taught to follow Jesus Christ, they must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to the first act of obedience. If a person refuses to obey the Lord in the first point, he will not obey in future points – Mt. 3:13-15; Jo. 14:15; 15:14