

# DEAD BURIED RAISED

TEACHING &  
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# Baptism Teaching

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## Overview

Today, we are going to be looking at both the importance and the joy of a Christian who obeys the command of Jesus, to be baptised.

Christian baptism is the full immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The word for baptize in Greek is baptizo, which means, to dip, plunge, submerge, or immerse.

In a nutshell, It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour and the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Acts 2:38 - 'Repent, and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.'

Mark 16:16 - 'He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe, will be condemned.'

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## Are You Ready For Baptism?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Have you had a personal encounter with Jesus?
- When did you pray to ask Jesus into your life and wash away your sin?
- Do you believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- Have you confessed Jesus as Lord over your life? Do you know that you have been "Born Again?"

Write a short testimony of how and when you were saved:

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**Baptism cannot save you. It cannot wash away sin.** Belief precedes baptism. Baptism is simply a visual testimony that shows our prior commitment and belief in what Jesus has already done in our lives.

Some people think that they became a Christian because they were "baptised" or christened as a baby. - **Infant Baptism is not a biblical concept.**

It stems from the belief in the 2nd/3rd centuries that baptism washed away sin, and in an era where infant mortality was extremely high, priests would baptise or sprinkle babies in an attempt to stop them from going to hell.

**You cannot become a Christian by being born into a Christian family or by going to church all your life. No-one has "always been a Christian."**

Romans 5:12 - 'Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam) and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned.'

We are all 'born into sin' and need to be 'born again' into God's Righteousness.

There has to have been a **personal revelation** of your own need of forgiveness and a desire to repent, and ask for the Blood of Jesus to wash away your sin, and come into your life and make you a New Creation in Christ.

Believing in Jesus Christ and what He did for you, through His death on the Cross, His burial, and His Resurrection, is the only way to be saved and receive eternal life and a place in Heaven, when you leave this earth. No other person, or religion can do this. No amount of "good works" can do this.

John 14:6 - Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."

Acts 4:12 - 'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

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## Why Should Every Christian Be Baptised?

### A. It is a command.

Matthew 28:19 - 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 10:48 - 'And he commanded them to be baptised in the Name of the Lord.'

Acts 2:38- 'Repent, and be baptised, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.'

Not only do we see that baptism is part of the great commission that Jesus gave us just before going into heaven, but it is also an **act of obedience**, born **out of our love for Him**.

1 John 2:3-6 - 'We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says "I know Him" but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His Word, God's Love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him. Whoever claims to live in Him, must walk as Jesus did.'

### B. It is an answer of a good conscience toward God.

1 Peter 3:21 (AMP) - 'Corresponding to that [rescue through the flood], baptism [which is an expression of a believer's new life in Christ] now saves you, not by removing dirt from the body, but by an appeal to God for a good (clear) conscience, [demonstrating what you believe to be yours] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.'

A clear conscience before God is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. When you ask Jesus into your life, your sins are forgiven and your relationship with God is restored. As you are baptised, you are testifying that God has taken away your sin and shame; you stand before God wearing the robe of Righteousness bought for you by the cleansing power of the Blood of Jesus.

### **C. It is your personal testimony - your outward confession of what has happened within your heart.**

By being baptised, you are showing that you are not ashamed of being identified with Christ. It can be likened to wearing a wedding ring. Putting on a wedding ring, without being legally married, will not marry you, just as being baptised, without first receiving Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, cannot save you. But when you are married, you proudly wear your rings to show you belong to each other. They are a symbol of your love and lifelong commitment to each other.

Baptism is like putting on that wedding ring. It is your symbol of showing that you now belong to Christ, and His life belongs to you. You have made a lifelong commitment to following Jesus, and to obeying His Word.

Your confession is before **Heaven**.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4. - 'I declare to you the Gospel...by which you are saved... that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that He rose again the third day.'

Your confession is before **God the Father**, of your belief in the saving power of His Son, Jesus. It is an act of worship before the Throne.

Your Confession is before **the Church**. You are now part of the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 - 'For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one Body.'

1 Corinthians 12:27 - 'Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'

Your Confession is before **the World**.

Matthew 10:32. - 'Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father, who is in heaven.'

You are no longer part of the world, or worldly lifestyles. You belong to a new Kingdom in Christ.

Galatians. 5:24 - 'Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.'

Your old nature has been crucified, killed, destroyed, done away with.

You publicly declare to the world, that you have decided to follow Jesus.

Your Confession is before **the devil**.

You have finished with him. You have changed sides.

Colossians 1:13 - 'For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness, and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves.'

The devil no longer has dominion over your life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - 'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come.'

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## **Baptism Represents Your Personal Identification With Christ's Death, Burial & Resurrection**

Romans 6:3-5. 'Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the Glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly be united with Him in His resurrection.'

As someone is baptised, we picture Christ Jesus dying on the Cross; as they go under the water, it illustrates Christ's burial, and coming out of the water, symbolises His triumphant and glorious resurrection.

In the same way, it is a visual representation of what has happened to us spiritually when we get saved.

### **It is our personal testimony of Salvation:**

- 1. Our death to sin - (as we step into the water)**
- 2. The burial of our old life. Dying to self - (as we go under the water)**
- 3. Becoming a new creation in Christ. Being resurrected into His Image. Living a life that is pleasing to God. (as we come up out of the water)**

Colossians 2:12 - 'Buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.'

Galatians 2:20 - 'I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.'

As a disciple of Jesus, it should be our desire to follow His example in every way. His life was one of **humility** as He walked in **total obedience** to His Father's will.

Baptism for the believer is an act of Faith, an act of obedience, and an act of submission to the command given in the Word of God. As we surrender our lives over to God, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to walk as new creatures in Christ.

**Our lives are no longer worldly; they are now spiritual.** Our 'death' is that of the old sin nature which was nailed to the cross with Christ. It was buried with Him, and just as He was raised up by the Father, so are we raised up to walk in newness of life.

The Bible tells us that old things have passed away - everything that is part of our old nature - pride, love of sin, reliance on works, and former opinions, habits and passions. It also says that the new has come! Old, dead things are replaced with new things, full of life and the glory of God, delighting in the things of God and hating the things of the world and the flesh. Our baptism is an occasion of great joy.

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## Why Was Jesus Baptised?

Matthew 3:11 - (John speaking) "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with Fire."

Matthew 3:13-17 - 'Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "**Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.**" Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." '

John the Baptists' life and ministry had focused on preparing the way for Jesus, the Son of God.

When Jesus came to ask John to baptise him, John's reaction was "I'm not even worthy to untie your sandals!" - But Jesus replied, "**We must do this to fulfil all**

righteousness". Then John submitted to the will of God, knowing it was for a purpose.

When Jesus was baptised, he was already submitting to His Father's will, in total obedience to His Father, choosing to die a terrible death on our behalf, becoming sin for us, so we would become righteous before God.

During those times, in order to become a Rabbi - a teacher of the Law, whose teaching people would respect and follow as disciples, you would have to receive the approval of 2 other established Rabbi, and submit to their authority.

You would come under their Yoke, submit to their teaching, be baptised by them - so Jesus was asking John to baptise Him - to let it be seen that He was submitting humbly to John's Yoke, as a Rabbi, and being given his approval.

John caused Jesus to be publicly recognized as the one who he had been preaching about - the one they had been waiting for - the Messiah, the Son of God.

But as Jesus came up out of the water, something amazing happened. The Heavens opened; the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus, and God the Father, Himself spoke - "This is my Son whom I love - with Him I am well pleased."

The 2nd authority and approval came directly from Heaven - from God Himself!

The people watching that day would have seen Jesus receiving the approval of John, an established Rabbi, but they also heard the approval of the voice of God.

So as you choose to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, through the waters of baptism, you are also following and submitting to Jesus' Yoke, His teaching, His Word, and showing yourself to be His disciple.



## Practical Requirements

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If you are getting baptised on our next baptism service here at Victory then be sure to check out the practical steps, tips and advice written out below:

- Bring your own towel and change of clothes.
  - Do not wear white as this becomes transparent when wet. Dark plain clothes are preferable.
  - Come prepared with a short written testimony of your salvation and why you want to be baptised.
  - You will receive a baptism certificate. Please collect this after the service.
  - Be on time! We like to meet candidates 20 minutes before the service for prayer and instruction.
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If you have any questions feel free to email us at - [admin@victory.uk.net](mailto:admin@victory.uk.net)