

STUDY 4: WATER BAPTISM

MEMORY VERSE:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new' – 2 Corinthians 5:17

INTRODUCTION:

Baptism is a word derived from the Greek word 'baptizo' which referred to something that had been completely immersed and completely changed by that immersion. Its original use was not a religious one.

A good example of this is the dyeing of a cloth. When cloth is dyed it is completely immersed and its colour is completely changed. The Greeks would have said that the cloth was 'baptized' in the dye.

Water baptism is a believer's public declaration of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It symbolizes the complete change that has taken place in their life since becoming a Christian.

1. Why should I be baptized?

Mark 1:9-10 – Was Jesus baptised in water? _____

Matthew 28:19-20 – What was Jesus teaching towards us being baptized? _____

The instruction to be baptized was included in the first sermon preached in the early Church. Read **Acts 2:38-41**.

What was the first thing Peter said one must do to become a believer in Christ? _____

What should I do after repenting? _____

How many people does this verse command to be baptised?

How soon after hearing the gospel were believers baptized?

Read **Acts 8:35-39**.

By what means did Phillip baptise the eunuch? _____

Do you think Phillip completely immersed the eunuch in water? _____

Why? _____

2. What will water baptism mean to me?

Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:3-4. What does our baptism represent? _____

How do you think your life will be affected when you are baptised? Give examples: _____

Galatians 2:20 _____

2 Corinthians 5:15 _____

Romans 12:1-2 _____

1 John 1:9 – Does baptism wash away sin? _____

Acts 2:37-38 – Are babies eligible to be baptised? _____

CONCLUSION:

Now that you have repented and have been born again, there is one more thing you are now ready to do. What is it?
