

Baptism – Study Questions

1) What is baptism?

- A) Baptism is the act of _____ a person in water and _____ them back up again. _____ or _____ can be used if this is not possible (e.g. when a person is ill, disabled, elderly, confined, etc.).

2) Why must we be baptized?

- A) Water baptism is _____ by Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18–20).
- B) Jesus, our example, was Himself _____ (Matthew 3:13–17).
- C) Jesus and His disciples _____ those who believed and repented (John 3:22–26; 4:1–2).
- D) New disciples in the early church were _____ baptized (Acts 2:38–41; 8:26–38; 16:31–34).

3) What are the prerequisites for baptism?

- A) Being _____ again (see the lesson “Salvation”).
- B) Understanding the _____ significance of the act of baptism.

4) What does baptism signify?

- A) Our _____ with Christ. Baptism is _____ of being saved. It is an outward _____ sign of our inward _____ union with Jesus Christ.
- (1) Being immersed in water is symbolic of our _____ and _____ with Christ (Romans 6:3–4). When we’re saved, we die with Christ, that is, we die, spiritually speaking, to _____ and our old way of life. “Dying to sin” means that our _____ with sin is ended. Its power over us is _____, and we are no longer its _____ (Romans 6:7).
- (2) Being raised up from the water is symbolic of our _____ with Christ (Romans 6:5). When we’re saved, we’re made _____ with Christ, that is, we become alive, spiritually speaking, to God. Becoming “alive” to God means that we have begun a _____ with Him (John 17:3). God places His Spirit in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:21–22; Ephesians 1:12–14), and we are born again (John 3:1–8).
- B) Our commitment to _____. When we’re baptized, we are publicly declaring our _____ in Jesus Christ and our intention to become His _____ (Matthew 5:14–16). Our goal as a disciple of Jesus is to be _____ Him.

5) Does getting baptized save us?

- A) The act of baptism does _____ save us. The Bible is clear that we are saved by _____ through _____ in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:1-11; cf. Luke 19:8-10; 23:39-43). Baptism is simply the first and _____ step of _____ as we begin our relationship with God.

6) When should we be baptized?

- A) In the early church, baptism took place very _____ after conversion (Acts 2:41; 9:17-18). Because of this, baptism should be requested as soon as possible after being saved.

7) Who can baptize?

- A) Anyone who is a _____ and who understands the _____ and _____ of baptism can baptize another believer. Scripture gives no other requirements.