

***Baptism: what ?***

***who ?***

***why ?***

***when ?***



**What is the action  
of baptism ?**

**Sprinkling ?**

**Pouring ?**

**Immersion ?**

# *baptize* - BAPTIZO

“to immerse, submerge” - *Thayer*

“to dip, immerse” - *Bagster*

“to dip, immerse, or plunge in water” - *Bass*

“to immerse, or sink in liquid” - *Bloomfield*

“immerse, submerge” - *Cremer*

“to dip in or under water” - *Liddell and Scott*

“to immerse, to sink” - *Robinson*

“plunge, immerse” - *Stephanus*

# burial

## Romans 6:3-4

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?*

*Therefore we have been **buried** with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

# Philip & the Ethiopian

**Acts 8:38**

*And he ordered the chariot to stop; and **they both went down into the water**, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.*

# John (the immerser)

**John 3:23**

*John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was **much water** there.*

# Testimony of historians

*“Baptism was administered in this century [the 1<sup>st</sup> century] . . . in places appointed and prepared for that purpose, and was performed by an **immersion** of the whole body.”*

- J. L. Mosheim,  
*Ecclesiastical History*

# Testimony of historians

*“In respect to the form of baptism, it was, in conformity with the original institution and the original import of the symbol, performed by **immersion.**”*

- Neander,  
*Church History*

# Testimony of church leaders

*“The word baptize signifies to **immerse**. It is certain that **immersion** was the practice of the primitive church.”*

**- John Calvin**

# Testimony of church leaders

*“Baptism is a Greek word and may be translated **immerse**. I would have those who are to be baptized to be **altogether dipped**.”*

**- Martin Luther**

# Testimony of church leaders

*“Buried with him in baptism,  
alluding to the ancient manner  
of baptizing by **immersion.**”*

**- John Wesley**

# Testimony of church leaders

*“**Immersion** was . . . for certain the way by which the ancient Christians received their baptism.”*

**- Dr. William Wall  
(Church of England)**

# Testimony of church leaders

*“For thirteen hundred years was baptism an **immersion** of the person under water.”*

**- Bishop Martin Brenner  
(Roman Catholic)**

# Who should be baptized ?

**Mark 16:15-16**

*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

*He that **believeth** and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

# Who should be baptized ?

**Acts 2:38**

*Then Peter said unto them,  
“**Repent**, and be baptized  
every one of you in the name  
of Jesus Christ . . .”*

**Are infants . . .**

**sinners ?**

**capable of believing ?**

**able to repent ?**

# Why should one be baptized ?

**Not . . .**

**to merit salvation**

**to please parents**

**to create marital harmony**

**in imitation of others**

**to declare that one is saved**

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**Acts 22:16**

*Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and **wash away thy sins**, calling on the name of the Lord.*

# Why should one be baptized ?

**1 Peter 3:21**

*Corresponding to that, baptism  
**now saves you** – not the  
removal of dirt from the flesh,  
but an appeal to God for a good  
conscience – through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

# Why should one be baptized ?

**Galatians 3:26-27**

*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized **into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

# Why should one be baptized ?

**John 3:5**

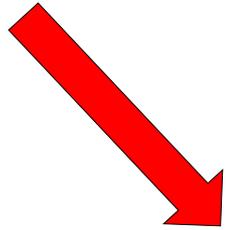
*Jesus answered, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot **enter into the kingdom of God.***

# Why should one be baptized ?

**Acts 2:38**

*Then Peter said unto them, “Repent,  
and be baptized every one of you  
in the name of Jesus Christ **for the  
remission of sins . . .**”*

**“for”** (the remission of sins)



***“because of...” ?***

**or**

***“in order to...” ?***

**“for” = Greek, ΕΙΣ**

**translations: [many render it as : “for” ]**

***“unto the remission . . .”* - ASV**

***“in order to have . . .”* - Goodspeed**

***“so that you may have . . .”* - Phillips**

***“to have your sins . . .”* - Knox**

***“so that your sins . . .”* - TEV**

***“that you may have . . .”* - Williams**

**In over 40 English translations:**

**NOT ONE renders it as : *“because of”***

**“for” = Greek, ΕΙΣ**

**lexicons / commentaries:**

- “to obtain the forgiveness”* - Thayer
- “so that sins might be forgiven”* - A & G
- “with a view to receiving”* - McCl. & S
- “denotes the object of baptism”* - Meyer
- “unto . . . signifying the aim”* - Exp. Gk. NT
- “the aim (purpose) of baptism”* - Godet
- “in order to the forgiveness”* - Hackett
- “in order to remission of sins”* - Wilmarth

# *“for the remission of sins”*

**A. T. Robertson:**

“the words can express **aim** or **purpose**  
... but then another usage exists  
... the **basis** or **ground** ...”

“one will decide the use here according  
as he believes that baptism is essential  
to the forgiveness of sins or not.”

***“for the remission of sins”***

**A. T. Robertson:**

**on Matt 26:28 (identical wording as Acts 2:38)**

**“The **purpose** of the shedding of his blood of the New Covenant was precisely to remove (forgive) sins.”**

# When should one be baptized ?

**Acts 22:16**     *“Why do you delay? Arise and be baptized . . .”*

**Acts 16:33**     *He took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and **immediately** he was baptized.*

# Baptism

**What ?** *immersion in water*

**Who ?** *of a penitent believer*

**Why ?** *for forgiveness of sins*

**When ?** *without delay*