

# Baptism Service

## WHY Be Baptized?

### Because Christ Commands It:

Mat 28:19-20 NLT Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (20) Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Acts 2:37-39 (NASB)** Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" **38** Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

### To follow the example of Jesus:

Mar 1:9 NLT One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized Him in the Jordan River.

### It demonstrates that I really am a believer:

Act 8:12 NLT But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized.

Act 18:8 NLT ...Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized.

Act 10:44-48 NLT (44) Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. (45) The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. (46) For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, (47) "Can anyone object **to their being baptized**, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" (48) So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ...

### It is a symbol that I am putting to death the OLD SINFUL WAY and raising UP a NEW PERSON!

2Co 5:17 NLT This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

### It shows a humble, true & right attitude & heart that I NEEDED God:

1Pe 3:18-21 NASB For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; (19) in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, (20) who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. (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.

### By Immersion:

**Overwhelmed & Buried with Him; it symbolizes the death, burial AND resurrection!**

Because each baptism, including Christ's, looks to have been that way AND the original word actually means to "overwhelm" with water

### **Rom 6:4-5 (NASB)**

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

**5** For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

**Col 2:12 (NASB)** having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

### To Fulfil Righteousness

Matthew 3:14-15 NASB But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" (15) But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he \*permitted Him.

### Raised Up Completely Righteous!!

Romans 4:22-25 NLT And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. (23) And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded (24) for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in Him, the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. (25) He was handed over to die because of our sins, and He was raised to life to make us right with God.

Ephesians 2:4-7 NASB But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### Baptized Suddenly!

**Act 2:38 (NASB)** Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Act 2:41 (NASB)** So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

**Act 8:12-13 (NASB)** But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. **13** Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

**Act 9:18 (NASB)** And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;

**Act 22:16 (NASB)** 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

**Act 10:47-48 (NASB)** "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?" **48** And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

**Act 16:14-15 (NASB)** A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. **15** And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

**Act 16:32-33 (NASB)** And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. **33** And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his *household*.

### **Will YOU come back to God now?**

2Co 5:17-21 NLT (17) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (18) And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. (19) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. (20) So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (21) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

### **LOOK! There's Water!**

**Acts 8:26-40 (NLT)** As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." **27** So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, **28** and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. **29** The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." **30** Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. **32** The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. **33** He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." **34** The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" **35** So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. **36** As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" **38** He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. **40** Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.