

Help Me Understand Series

Baptism

We're going to answer the six biggest question around baptism. By the end of this talk, our hope is that you'll be ready to take the step of baptism.

Question 1: *Does something spiritual happen at the moment I'm baptized?*

At the moment of baptism you receive some portion of the _____.

- Matthew 3:16 – As soon as Jesus was baptized, 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 alighting on him.
- Acts 19:4-7 - ⁴Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongue and prophesied. ⁷There were about twelve men in all.

At the moment of baptism you are _____ with _____.

- Galatians 3:27 - for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

At the moment of baptism you _____ a _____.

- I Corinthians 12:13 - For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

At the moment of baptism you are _____ and _____ with Christ.

- Romans 6:3-5 - ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.
- ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Question 2: *Is baptism for me or for the benefit of other people?*

- Baptism is a _____ proclamation of _____ transformation.
- It encourages others to increase their _____ fervor.

Question 3: *Is baptism required for Christians?*

- YES!
- It is first commanded by Jesus in the _____.
- Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- Ananias's command to Paul: "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'" (Acts 22:16)
- Peter's words to the new believers: So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:48)
- If for no other reason, you should be baptized out of _____ to Christ.

Question 4: *Can unbaptized people still go to Heaven?*

- You were saved because of your _____ in Christ. Nothing more, nothing less.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Acts 16:31 - They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."
- The #1 proof of this: The _____ on the _____ by Jesus.
- Mark 16:16 - *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*
- Mark 16:9-19 were likely added by a _____ and are not a part of the _____ word of God.

Question 5: *Should I have my children baptized?*

- Your kids should not be baptized until they meet the following criteria:
 - They have asked Jesus to _____.
 - They can _____ their walk with God.
 - They want it and are not _____.

Question 6: *Why does Pathway do full-immersion baptisms?*

- We're representing the _____ and _____ of Jesus.
- It's _____!