**IBADAN VARSITY CHRISTIAN UNION(IVCU-NIFES)**

**BAPTISMAL CLASS 01**

Topic: Understanding Baptism

Text: Romans 5:12-6:14

Key verse: 1pet 3: 21 (**AMP)**-And Baptism, which is a figure {of their deliverance}, does now also save you { from inward questioning and fears}, not by removing of outward body filth{ bathing} , but by{ providing you with} the answer of a good and clear conscience { inward cleanness and peace } before God (because you are demonstrating what you believe to be yours) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Generally, the word BAPTISM is coined from the Greek word ‘BAPTIZO’. This means total immersion. It does not imply regeneration and forgiveness of sins. It is an ordinance by which Christians make a public confession that they have repented of their sins and committed themselves in faith to Jesus their Savior our Lord.

Who may be baptized? Mk16:16, Acts 2:38

Water baptism should only be administered to converts who can give personal testimony of their salvation experience in Jesus: those who have repented of their sins and have faith towards God, with the evidence of a changed life. Examples of converts baptized by the church In the New Testament can be found in acts 2:41; 8;12,38; 9:18;16:15,33; 18;8, 1cor 15:46

At salvation, what happened to us? Upon receiving Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior by Faith, we were born again jhn1:12, jhn3:16. The grace of God that brings salvation revealed, we were washed and cleansed (born of water) and the renewing of the Holy Ghost (born of spirit). Titus3:5-6

* Baptism is first and foremost a figure and representation, a diagram of Gods work in our lives.
* Not a ceremonial washing to remove filth but the answer of a good conscience before God. Mt 3:7-10(msg)
* Saves from inward questioning and fears
* The death and resurrection of Christ. Rom 6:1-14