

PASSAGE USEFUL FOR BAPTISM MEDITATIONS

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Statements of the Great Commission

Matthew **28:18-20**; Mark **16:15**; Luke **24:44-49**; Acts **1:8**

Accounts of Baptism

Acts **8:4-8 + 12-13**

8:26-39

9:10-19

10:34-48

16:12-15a

16:25-34

(19:1-7)

22:6-16

26:12-20

Texts that describe John's baptism or give accounts of Johannine baptism are not particularly appropriate for Christian baptisms. The meaning of the two baptisms is different as illustrated by the baptizing in the name of Christ those disciples of John Paul found in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-7). Reading the account of Jesus' own baptism would not be natural for this same reason.

Passages about Salvation Through Jesus Christ

Luke **24:44-49**

Galatians **3:23-29**

Titus **3:4-7**

Hebrews **2:14-18**

10:19-24

1 Peter **3:18-22**

Passages about Human Response in Salvation

Acts **2:37-39**

3:19-26

4:8-12

Romans **6:1-14**

10:9-13

Galatians **3:8-14**

Passages about the Messiahship of Jesus

Matthew **16:13-17**

Passages on the Lordship of Christ

Colossians 1:12-23a

Passages about Commitment to Christian Living

Acts **26:12-20**

Romans **12:1-2**

Ephesians **2:1-10**

Colossians **2:9-15**

2 Corinthians **5:17-21**

Philippians **2:1-11**

Preparation for Baptisms

A number of profitable activities can be done by the rest of the body while preparations are being made for baptism.

1. texts of scripture that deal with baptism and related topics
2. songs sung by the congregation. The songs useful here deal with the same set of topics that are covered by scripture passages as noted above. It may be possible to correlate the topic if the meditation leaders know far enough in advance to work out those correlations. A song may be sung in response to the baptism instead of, or in addition to, a song prior to the baptism. “Now I Belong to Jesus,” *etc.*, are typically used in this way.
3. responsive readings
4. prayers