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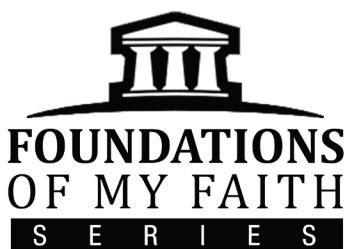


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How to use this curriculum



LOOK UP these verses in your Bible.



KEY VERSES to the lesson.

In practical terms, baptism is our first opportunity after salvation to display our obedience to God. As we learned in Ephesians 2:8-9, baptism is not necessary for salvation. It is important to establish a pattern of obedience to God by being baptized according to Scripture. Baptism is necessary for one to please Jesus Christ.

Though Jesus did not need salvation from sins, he did set the example for the believer by submitting to baptism. Here are three reasons why Jesus set this example.

1. It is the right and proper thing to do.

 Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus explained to John the Baptist that baptism was needed to “fulfil all righteousness.” That means baptism was the right thing to do after salvation.

2. It marked a change of life and purpose.

 Romans 6:4

The baptism of Jesus Christ marked a change in His life from that of being a carpenter to preparing to bear the Cross for our sin. Paying for the sins of the world was His ultimate purpose for coming.

3. It symbolized His coming death, burial, and resurrection.



“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
(Romans 6:3-4)

The act of baptism pictures the Gospel in three events:

1. The death of Jesus
2. The burial of Jesus
3. The resurrection of Jesus

Baptism is an outward display of my belief in the Gospel.

Why should I be baptized?

1. Obedience. New believers are commanded to follow their faith with baptism.



“And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord...” (Acts 10:48)

2. Identification. Baptism is a public statement that we are not ashamed of Jesus Christ.



“Buried with him in baptism...” (Colossians 2:12)



Romans 10:11

The wedding vows are what makes a person married. The wedding rings symbolize the vows that were made and identify with each other. Baptism is similar to God’s wedding ring, identifying us with His promise of eternal life.

Jesus was willing to identify with our sins on the Cross, so we should not be ashamed to identify with Him in baptism.

What is the method and time for baptism?

1. According to the Bible, only those who have first placed their faith in Jesus may get baptized.



“...and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
(Acts 8:36-37)

2. The Bible example of baptism is by immersion.



“And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.” (Acts 8:38)

The Greek word for baptize is *baptizo*, which means “to dip, immerse, or submerge.” John 3:23 and Mark 1:9-10 show baptizing is in deep water.

3. Baptizing is normally done shortly after salvation.

In the Bible, most people were baptized immediately after salvation.



“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” (Acts 2:41)



“And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.” (Acts 16:33)

Here we see baptism occurs shortly after salvation.

Challenge: If you have never been Scripturally baptized, to do so would establish the foundation for your spiritual growth.

Lesson Three Quiz

1. Baptism is necessary for our salvation. (True or False)
2. Though Jesus did not need _____ from sins, He did set the example for the believer by _____ to baptism.
3. The act of baptism pictures the Gospel in three events:
The _____ of Jesus.
The _____ of Jesus.
The _____ of Jesus.

4. List two reasons why every new believer should be baptized.

_____ Reference a verse. _____

_____ Reference a verse. _____

5. Jesus was willing to _____ with our sins on the Cross, so we should not be _____ to identify with Him in baptism.

6. According to the Bible, only those who have first placed their faith in Jesus should be baptized. (True or False)

List a verse that proves your answer. _____

7. The Bible method of baptism is to be _____ in deep water.

Memory Verses

(Choose at least two Scripture verses to memorize from the following list.)

Romans 10:11

Acts 2:41

Matthew 28:19

Acts 8:38

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