

# The Importance of Baptism

*Foundations of Faith – Part 5*

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*Acts 2:37-38 (NIV) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Acts 2:41 (NIV) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be baptized?

### 1A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it

*Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

### 1B. To follow Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 1:9 (NIV) At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

### 1C. To \_\_\_\_\_ your faith in Jesus

*Acts 10:47-48a (NIV) "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## 2. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism?

### 2A. Baptism illustrates \_\_\_\_\_ death and resurrection

*Romans 6:4 (NIV) We 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.*

### 2B. Baptism illustrates my own \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 2:12 (NIV) having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*

### 2C. Biblical baptism is by \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 8:38-39 (NIV) And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.*

## Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing. Read John 17-21.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Sign up to be baptized if you've never been baptized since becoming a believer.
- Pray for people to invite to our Easter service on March 27.

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