



WATER BAPTISM

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

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. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:13-17

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED IN WATER?

- Jesus' example - Matthew 3:13-17
- Jesus' command - Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16
- Examples of early believers in the Bible - New Testament - Acts 10: 47-48, Romans 6:4

HOW SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Immersion in water - following Jesus' example. Going under the water represents death and burial of the "old sinful man" and coming up out of the water represents being raised from the dead to our new life in Jesus. Romans 6:4

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WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

One of the 2 ordinances that Jesus ordained (was himself baptized by John the Baptist and told His disciples to continue this practice.

Baptism is a symbol representing the work that has already taken place in the heart of a believer.

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED IN WATER?

All who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

After making a decision to ask Jesus for forgiveness of our sins and making Jesus Lord of our lives. (Children old enough to understand that they have made this choice and want to make this public statement of their faith - with their parents' permission.)