

# Baptism (who, when, how, why and what)

Baptism is an outward act of a person's inward confession of faith and acceptance of Christ as savior. It is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection, and also the washing away of our sins. Likewise, it is a sign to the community of the decision the believer has made.

- A person does it out of obedience to Jesus
- To testify of the work of Christ Jesus in your life
- To fully identify with Christ Jesus – His death, burial and resurrection.

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

- Those who have repented and believed in Jesus Christ "...Repent and be baptized..." Acts 2:38 "But when they believed...they were baptized.." Acts 8:12
- Those who desire to be baptized in obedience to God "Those who accepted his message were baptized.." Acts 2:41

## WHEN SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

- After they have repented and believed Ideally after some instruction to bring understanding and faith for obedience Matthew 28:19-20

## HOW SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

- "...Jesus...was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water.." Mark 1:9-10 "Then both...went down into the water and Philip baptized him." Acts 8:38-39
- By another believer "...go and make disciples...baptizing them.." Matthew 28:19

## WHY SHOULD A PERSON BE WATER BAPTIZED?

- Because Jesus commands us to be baptized "...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20
  - To testify that we are disciples of Jesus Christ • To identify with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection
- "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death..." Romans 6:4

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON IS BAPTIZED?

- We follow Jesus' example and command Matthew 28:18-20
- We receive grace that comes with faith and obedience "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:17
- We testify to the person and work of Jesus Christ "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." Colossians 2:12

## Summary of passages to consider

Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38, 41