

Baptism

Scripture References

...Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19

{Before someone is baptized they must recognize their need for forgiveness. When they do this, they will confess their wrongs to God so that He can forgive and cleanse them from their sins.}

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Acts 10:47-48

{Those who have received the Holy Spirit are approved by God and are in a saving relationship with Him. They are also prepared by Him to be baptized into His body of believers.}

When they heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:5

{Once you discover what Jesus has done to save you from sin, you will want to show your love for Him through baptism.}

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. Acts 19:4

{When we discover the truth about God's love for us, or when new light from His Word has been given to us, we will then desire to receive baptism or, perhaps even rebaptism.}

... Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

{to be born of the Spirit is to receive a new heart. When this transformation takes place we will desire to be baptized into Him to show others that we are His disciples.}

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body... I Corinthians 12:13

{It is the Holy Spirit that guides us into a relationship with Jesus and leads us to become part of His family. This relationship will help us to seek unity with others in Christ.}

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

{When God prompts you to follow Him, don't delay. Now is the time to give your life to Him!}

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16

{Baptism is a very important step in our walk with God. It is by following Him and partaking in baptism as He did, that we show others we are His true followers.}

One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Ephesians 4:5

{There is only one way for a Christian to follow Jesus and there is only one baptism that shows we are His disciples.}

Jesus...was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened. Mark 1:9, 10

{Jesus is our Example in all things and His baptism is a pattern for us. He was baptized by immersion (submersed in the water). He was not sprinkled, but covered, just as we need to be totally covered by His blood.}

... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins... Acts 2:38

{We can never earn forgiveness. Baptism symbolizes our true repentance from sin and our desire to follow Him.}

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: Matthew 28:19, 20

{Jesus' true followers will share His love for others and will have a desire to join them to Him through baptism.}

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... Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans 6:4-6

{Baptism represents our death to sin and resurrection to a new life of victory. This transformation takes place in us as we, by His grace, walk with Him. Would you like to accept Him as your Savior today?