

Water Baptism

Water Baptism by full immersion?

To baptise - GK “**baptizo**”, which means to dip, immerse, to make fully wet, or to submerge.

John baptised people in a place where there was “*plenty of water.*” (*John 3:23*)

In *Acts 8:36-39* both Philip and the man he was baptising - *had to come to the water vs 36; went down into the water vs 38; came up out of the water vs 39.*

Jesus came up **out of the water** when He was baptised. (*Mark 1:10*)

Why should we be Water Baptised?

God instructs those who believe in His Son Jesus to be baptised.

Matthew 28:19 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,

(see *Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 10:48; 22:16*)

To follow the example of Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17 (nlt) Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John.¹⁴ But John tried to

talk Him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by You,” he said, “so why are You coming to me?” ¹⁵ *But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize Him.*

*¹⁶ After His baptism, as Jesus **came up out of the water**, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is My dearly loved Son, who brings Me great joy.”*

(see Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-34)

Baptism is a public act where we declare our repentant heart and faith in Christ as our Saviour.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:36-37; Acts 16:14-15; Acts 18:8)

Baptism is the way that God has opened for us to share in what Jesus has done for us through His death, burial, and resurrection. *(Romans 6:1-11)*

When should we be Baptised?

In the New Testament, those who believed in Jesus Christ were baptised as soon as possible.

- *the same day. (Acts 2:41)*
- *when they believed...both men and women were baptised. (Acts 8:12)*
- *the man of Ethiopia was baptised immediately after he believed on Jesus Christ. (Acts 8:35-38)*
- *when the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius believed, Peter commanded them to be baptised immediately. (Acts 10:44-48)*
- *Immediately he and all his family were baptised. (Acts 16:33)*

Water Baptism separates us from our sin.

Water baptism does not wash away our sins. They are forgiven because of our faith in Jesus. *(Acts 10:43)*

It is the Blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from sin.

Matthew 26:28 This is My blood, which confirms the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

(Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)

Our separation from sin is shown in

1 Peter 3:20-21 They had disobeyed God while Noah was building the boat, but God had been patient with them. Eight people went into that boat and were brought safely through the flood. ²¹ Those flood waters were like baptism

that now saves you. But baptism is more than just washing your body. It means turning to God with a clear conscience, because Jesus Christ was raised from death.

We identify with Christ in Water Baptised.

Water Baptism means that we share with Christ in what He has accomplished.

When we are baptised, we can believe God's promise that we are separated, (or cut off) from a life of sin, to rise again to a new life of faith, love, and victory.

We share in Christ's death.

Romans 6:3 Don't you know that all who share in Christ Jesus by being baptized also share in His death?

6:6 We know that the persons we used to be were nailed to the cross with Jesus. This was done, so our sinful bodies would no longer be the slaves of sin.

When we come to baptism, we declare that we are dead to the things of this world.

We share in Christ's burial.

Romans 6:4a When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ...

(Colossians 2:12)

When we are immersed in water, we show our belief in the finish (burial) of the old life.

We share in Christ's resurrection.

Romans 6:4-5 When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptized, so we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father. ⁵ If we shared in Jesus' death by being baptized, we will be raised to life with Him.

(Colossians 2:12-13)

When we are raised up out of the water by faith, we are made alive in Christ.

We share in Christ's victory over sin.

Romans 6:6-11 We know that our old life was put to death on the cross with Christ. This happened so that our sinful selves would have no power over us. Then we would not be slaves to sin. ⁷ Anyone who has died is made free from sin's control. ⁸ If we died with Christ, we know that we will also live with Him. ⁹ Christ was raised from death. And we know that He cannot die again. Death has no power over Him now. ¹⁰ Yes, when Christ died, He died to defeat the power of sin one time - enough for all time. He now has a new life, and His new life is with God. ¹¹ In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive for God through Christ Jesus.

We now serve Christ in a new life of righteousness and victory, through the authority of Christ.