



There is much more to baptism than simply obedience to Christ commands. Do not mistake me, obeying Christ is important. After all He told us that “if we love Him keep His commandments” (**John 14:15**).

However, there is *more* to baptism than just obeying Christ.

My aim in this lesson is to bring to attention some of the things that baptism points to or signifies.

The Significance of Baptism:

- ▶ **Faith in the Son of God**
John 8:24; Acts 8:35
- ▶ **Faith in the Gospel**
Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 1:16
- ▶ **The means of being in “the body”**
Eph. 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:13
- ▶ **Being in Christ Gal. 3:26-27**
- ▶ **A Cleansing**
Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22; Acts 22:16

Body – signifies this relationship through “this teaching, leading up to his obedience, and his action of submitting to baptism as a means of becoming a part of that relationship...”

By one spirit – simply means by the instructions given *by* the Spirit, in obedience to His teachings.

The body is important, just read on in verses **14-27**

Cleansing – So baptism signifies a washing, a cleansing process, a cleansing of our spirits, our souls, that we may stand justified in the sight of God.”

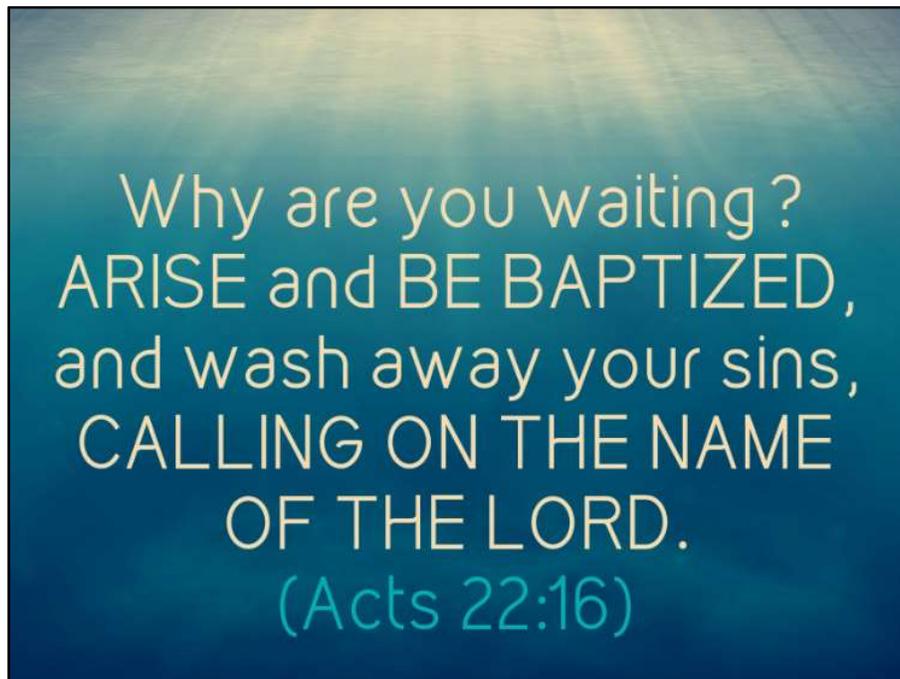
The Significance of Baptism:

- ▶ A death
Rom. 6:3-4; John 19:33-34
- ▶ A burial **Rom. 6:4, 17-18**
- ▶ A resurrection **Rom. 6:3-4**
- ▶ New goals **Col. 3:1-3**
- ▶ Being in the family of God
Acts 2:47 (KJV)
- ▶ Salvation
1 Pet. 3:21; 1 Pet. 5:4

John 19:33-34 – Jesus shed His blood in His death. We are united with His death in baptism and thus come in contact with His blood. We signify His death in baptism.

A burial – When someone dies they are buried. So when we die to sin our old life has to be buried. Notice further in vs. 17 [Form – Concrete form illustration]

Salvation – Baptism my friends is not the *end* it is just the beginning. We need to press on to that wonderful crown of life. **Rev. 2:10b**



I hope this lesson has given you a better appreciation for the significance of baptism.

“God’s word, His plan was not given lightly. There are no insignificant commands. Each one is fraught with reason and significance. Each one could be taken as a separate study, and should be.”

If Baptism signifies all of these things: How, then, can some deny its necessity?