

Introduction:

- *In our effort to come to terms with what baptism is and why it matters, there are several significant questions that must be asked:*

I. _____ Is Baptism?

A. Baptism is an _____ of the _____

- *Matthew 28:16-20*
- What does the phrase, “*baptizing them*” imply?
- *The point is that making disciples of all nations includes _____ them!*
- Baptism demonstrates an attitude and a spirit of _____ to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

B. Baptism is a _____ of our _____ with Christ

- *Romans 6:3-4*
- **The point that Paul is making here is 2-fold:** *1) It is by _____ that we are united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection; 2) It is by _____ that we are giving a visible expression of our union with Christ!*
- In reality, a person being baptized is giving _____.

When you are baptized, you are visually preaching the _____!

“The only reason that baptism has any meaning and importance at all is because of the death and resurrection of Jesus which has rescued us from the wrath of God and has secured our everlasting joy in His glorious presence!”

II. _____ Should Be Baptized?

- Because baptism is an expression of our _____ in Christ, it is therefore only for those who have _____ in Christ.
- *Acts 2:37-41; 8:9-13; 8:34-39; 9:10-18; 10:44-48*

- The only people who are qualified to be baptized are those that have first been _____!

Have you been baptized since you trusted in Christ for salvation?

- If you neglect baptism, you are _____ the Lord!

III. _____ Should We Baptize?

- The Greek word **“bapto”** always means, “to _____ or to _____.” It means “to place into water, to _____ or _____.”
- The Greek word **“baptidzo”** is a stronger form of the word **“bapto”**, and it means “to dip _____ to totally _____, or to _____ into water.”

Biblical baptism is always presented as a _____ into water.

- **Matthew 3:5-6; 3:13-16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 8:35-39**

*“Taken together, the Bible makes it abundantly clear that **immersion** is the only proper and acceptable method of baptism!”*

IV. _____ Should A Person Be Baptized?

- Baptism is often referred to as the very _____ of _____ in the life of a new believer!
- **Matthew 3:5-6; Mark 1:5; Acts 2:41; 8:36-38; 9:18**

“Baptism is the immediate indicator of salvation, for if a person has truly been saved, then they will not hesitate to let that be known by submitting to this act of obedience!”

- **To state it simply, baptism should be done as soon as possible _____.**

Conclusion:

- *Baptism is not necessary for _____, but it is necessary if you want to live a life of _____!*
- **Matthew 10:32-33**

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word.”
(John 14:23)

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.