

TAKE THE PLUNGE 9.14.14

Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations (people groups), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

According to Jesus, baptism is not a church thing, but His thing and it is not optional.

-5 Basic Questions-

1. **Why should you be baptized if you were baptized as an infant or small child?**

“Those who believed and accepted his message were baptized...” Acts 2:41 NIV

“Simon, himself believed and was baptized.” Acts 8:13 NIV

“But when they believed Phillip’s message about the good news of the Kingdom of God and about Jesus Christ, they were baptized...” Acts 8:12 GN

2. **Does baptism save me?**

“Then he said, ‘Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.’”
Luke 23:42-43 NIV

3. **Can I be a Christian and go to heaven without being baptized?**

“No one else can save us. Indeed, we can be saved only by the power of the one named Jesus and not by any other person.” Acts 4:12 GW

4. **How should I be baptized?**

“And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...” Acts 8:38-39 NIV

5. **Why should I be baptized by immersion?**

→ Jesus was. “As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water...” Matt. 3:16

→All Bible baptisms were. “When they came up out of the water...” Acts 8:38 NIV

→Symbolizes spiritual burial and resurrection. “By our baptism then we are buried with

Him and share in his death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead, so also we may live forever.” Romans 6:4 NIV