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**BAPTISM: IDENTIFICATION WITH THE NEW COVENANT**

Acts 2:36-41

**The Importance of Baptism**

The church comprises a covenant community of believers who have \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ through baptism.

**The Questions About Baptism...**

**WHY should I be baptized?**

- To follow the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
- To obey the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
- To unite with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

**WHAT is the meaning of baptism?**

- A celebration of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - ▶ He died on a cross as our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ He rose from the grave as our \_\_\_\_\_.
- An illustration of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the water = Identification with His death.
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the water = Participation in His resurrection.
- A proclamation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - ▶ In the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ To all the \_\_\_\_\_.

**HOW should I be baptized?**

- The most biblical mode of baptism is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ...
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of early church leaders...
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel...

**WHO should be baptized?**

- Everyone who has been \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEN should I be baptized?**

- As soon as you \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ for salvation.
- As soon as you can best \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim your salvation.

**The Beauty of Baptism...**

Baptism is an essential and joyful declaration to the world that we \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.



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The church comprises a covenant community of believers who have **identified** with Christ through baptism.

**The Questions About Baptism...**

**WHY should I be baptized?**

- To follow the **example** of Christ.
- To obey the **command** of Christ.
- To unite with the **body** of Christ.

**WHAT is the meaning of baptism?**

- A celebration of the **grace** of Christ.
  - ▶ He died on a cross as our **substitute**.
  - ▶ He rose from the grave as our **Savior**.
- An illustration of the **Gospel** of Christ.
  - ▶ **Into** the water = Identification with His death.
  - ▶ **Out of** the water = Participation in His resurrection.
- A proclamation of the **glory** of Christ.
  - ▶ In the **church**.
  - ▶ To all the **world**.

**HOW should I be baptized?**

- The most biblical mode of baptism is **immersion**.
- ▶ The **precedent** of Christ...
- ▶ The **pattern** of early church leaders...
- ▶ The **picture** of the Gospel...

**WHO should be baptized?**

- Everyone who has been **born again**.

**WHEN should I be baptized?**

- As soon as you **trust** in Christ for salvation.
- As soon as you can best **publicly** proclaim your salvation.

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Baptism is an essential and joyful declaration to the world that we **belong** to Jesus.