

Water Baptism

In this study we will take a look at the meaning, aspects and the frequency that Water Baptism is mentioned in the New Testament, as well as the parallels of Water Baptism in the Old Testament.

First, what is Water Baptism? The Greek word for baptism is *baptizo*, which means to make fully wet (immerse).

Fill in the blanks:

1. Acts 8:39 – “They both _____ into the water.”
2. Romans 6:4 – “Therefore we have been _____ with Him through baptism into death.”

In Romans 6 baptism is seen as a complete death to self (fully immersed). We have already learned that salvation comes by God’s grace through faith, but we must also show that we truly believe through our actions.

3. Matthew 28:18-20 - Why we should be baptized? (Answer in verse 19).
_____ .
4. Matthew 28:19 – In whose name were the disciples instructed to baptize people in?
_____, _____ and _____ .
5. Acts 2:38 – What is the personal name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

6. Romans 6:4-5 – What 3 things is Water Baptism symbolic of?

The _____, _____ and _____ of Jesus.

7. Romans 6:4 – But more than being just symbolism, what happens to our “old-self” during baptism? It is _____ with Him into death.

8. Romans 6:4 - Not only are we buried with Him in baptism but as we come up out of the water we believe by faith that we can now walk in the _____ .

9. Romans 6:5 - This “newness of life” is what kind of power?
_____ power.

10. Romans 6:1-2 - Now that we have received Jesus into our hearts and have been Water Baptized is there now any excuse to live in or practice sin? _____ .

11. Colossians 2:11-12 - What kind of operation is done by the Holy Spirit under the water during baptism? _____ .

12. Genesis 17:10 - What was considered a sign of the covenant between God and man in the Old Testament? _____ .

In the Old Testament God used symbolism and prophecies that foretold events that would be fulfilled in the New Testament. One example was the crossing of the Red Sea by Moses and the children of Israel which was symbolic of baptism. (Read Exodus 14:13-31.)

13. Exodus 14:28-30 - As we see here, when the waters parted and then receded, the Egyptian army was completely destroyed. The Israelites walked to the other side in complete freedom. What 3 principles of Water Baptism occurred? _____,
_____ and _____ .

Water Baptism should be considered the next step of our Christian walk of faith after salvation!

14. Acts 2:41 - When were these converts baptized? The _____ of their salvation decision.

15. Acts 16:33 - How soon were the jailer and his family baptized?

_____.

In the New Testament Church there was an urgency to baptize new believers right away.

16. Romans 6:6 - What happens to the power of sin once we have been baptized? We are no longer _____ to sin.

No wonder the disciples were taught to baptize right away. They understood that the power of the old self (slavery) had to be buried and cut off so that they could walk in the newness of life.

Scriptures to cross reference for your essay include:

Acts 8:12; Acts 8:36-39; Acts 10:44-38

Answers:

1. Went down
2. Buried
3. Jesus said to baptize disciples.
4. Father, Son, Holy Spirit
5. Jesus
6. Death, burial, resurrection
7. Buried
8. Newness of life
9. Resurrection
10. No
11. Circumcision made without hands (spiritual circumcision)
12. Circumcision
13. Burial, resurrection, deliverance
14. Same day
15. Immediately
16. Slaves