

Baptism

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Scriptures to look at together (Use questions from Look Up section):

- Acts 8:26-40 (immediacy)
- Romans 6:1-14 (buried and raised to life with Christ)
- Luke 14:25-33 (Counting the Cost)

Examples of Baptism in NT:

GOSPELS

- Matthew 3:13-17
- Mark 1:9-11
- Luke 3:21-22
- John 1:28-34

OTHER

- 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- Colossians 2:11-12

ACTS

- 2:37-41,
- 8:5-13,
- 8:36-38,
- 9:10-19,
- 10:47-48,
- 16:13-15,
- 16:27-34,
- 18:5-9
- 19:1-5
- 22:14-17

Why Baptism?

- Jesus was baptized
- step of obedience, pledging allegiance to Jesus as King, committed and aligning yourself to Jesus not just as Savior but as Lord
- participating in Jesus’ death and resurrection - dead to sin, alive in Christ
- there is an element of mystery in baptism...the role of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual transaction/exchange takes place.

How to baptize:

- walk through three scriptures at the top
- have them make the confession of faith and pray to Jesus , and walk through great, greater, greatest blessing if they haven’t already
- “ Upon your profession of faith, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”
- full dunked (need pool, lake, bathtub, ocean, etc)
- Pray over them after they change clothes, make plans to meet again.
- CELEBRATE!

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