

# NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

## *“The Purpose of Baptism”*

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Introduction: People often ask, “Why does God command baptism?” That is a great question. In this lesson we will take a closer look at the purpose of baptism in the New Testament. We will try to a clearer picture of this great Biblical practice. What does it mean to be baptized? Let’s study together. . . .

### Discussion:

#### *I. The Power of the Word of God*

- A. Who commanded faith, repentance, and confession? (**John 8:24, Luke 13:3, 5, Matthew 10:32**)
- B. Who commanded baptism? (**Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:19-20**)
- C. Why would any of these commands be any different?

#### *II. The Consistency of the Word of God*

- A. God gives clear, concise, and pointed commands.
- B. Consider what He told Adam & Eve (**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:11, 16-17**).
- C. Consider what He told the Levites (**Exodus 24, Leviticus 10:1-2, 16:12**).
- D. Consider what He told the Israelites (**Numbers 4:15, II Samuel 6:6-7**).
- E. Consider what He tells the church (**Matthew 26:26-27, I Corinthians 11:23-25, 28-29**).
- F. Consider what He told His disciples (**Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15**).

#### *III. The Obedience of the Son of God*

- A. The Bible makes it clear that obedience is essential to salvation
- B. Jesus submitted Himself to obedience (**Hebrews 5:9**).
- C. Jesus submitted Himself to baptism (**Matthew 3:15**).
- D. Jesus is our perfect example (**I Peter 2:21, Hebrews 12:1-2**).
- E. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the church (**John 14:26, Acts 2:42**).

#### *IV. Reasons for Baptism in the Word of God*

- A. We must be baptized for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**).
- B. We must be baptized in order to wash away our sins (**Acts 22:16**).
- C. We must be baptized in order to experience the death and resurrection of Jesus (**Romans 6:4**).
- D. We must be baptized in order to have the renewing of the Holy Spirit (**Titus 3:4-7**).
- E. We must be baptized in order to have salvation (**Mark 16:15-16**).

Conclusion: Man’s obedience is required by God and God requires baptism. There is a purpose for being baptized. In fact, there are many! Have you been baptized? Are you seeking salvation today?

**WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”**