

Baptism

1. Baptism is an OUTWARD expression of an INTERNAL reality.

<i>External / Physical</i>	<i>Internal / Spiritual / Symbolic</i>
A. Physical use of <u>WATER</u>... Matt 3:1-8	... symbolizes <u>CLEANSING</u> from sin by <u>Christ!</u> Acts 22:16; 1 Pet 3:20-21
B. Physical <u>IMMERSION</u> under water... Mark 1:5-9; Acts 8:38	... symbolizes spiritual <u>BURIAL</u> and <u>NEW LIFE</u> in Christ! Rom 6:3-4; Col 2:11-14
C. Physical <u>IDENTIFICATION</u> with the Church... Acts 2:41	... symbolizes the <u>UNITY</u> of the Body of Christ! Gal 3:27; Eph 4:4-6

2. Baptism is for Believers Only

(Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12; 16:30-34; 18:8; Col 2:11-12)

3. Baptism is not Optional

- a. **Jesus Commanded** (Matt 28:19-20)
- b. **Apostles Commanded** (Acts 10:48)

4. Baptism is Obedience.

- a. **Jesus' Example** (Matt 3:13-17)
- b. **My Response**