

Steps of a Disciple

Part Two - Baptism: Following Jesus' Example

INTRODUCTION:

In spiritual life, there is at least one other seemingly inseparable match: Salvation & Baptism.

These two are so intertwined with one another within Scripture, that some times people can't distinguish one without the other. And sometimes, people mistakenly conclude that they are just two parts of the same thing.

I want to talk to you today about the very next step of a disciple after salvation, Baptism.

Baptism can be a confusing subject and I have found that people have lots of questions about this practice. So, today, as we continue our new sermon series, The Steps of a Disciple, I want to talk to you today about **Baptism: Following Jesus' Example**.

Question #1: Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by CHRIST, Mark 1:9-11
2. Because Christ COMMANDS it, Matthew 28:19-20
Jesus says, "do it, because I said so." We all have a tendency to resist this argument, but if Christ commands us—we must obey.
3. It demonstrates that I really am a BELIEVER.

Question #2: What is the meaning of baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's DEATH and resurrection.
2. It illustrates my NEW LIFE as a Christian.

Question #3: Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

1. Because Jesus was baptized that way.

2. Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

3. The word “Baptize” literally means to “dip under water”.

The Greek word “baptizo” means “to immerse or dip under water”.

4. It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection!

The founders of denominations agree:

Martin Luther... “I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies.”

John Calvin... “The word ‘Baptize’ signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church.”

John Wesley... “Buried with Him, alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church.”

Question #4: Who Should Be Baptized?

Every person who has embraced & believed in Christ.