



## SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Matthew 3:13-17

The New Testament speaks of baptism more than \_\_\_\_\_ times; it mentions baptism in every example of \_\_\_\_\_.

Christian baptism is an \_\_\_\_\_ in water.

Baptism must have been important to Jesus because he \_\_\_\_\_ for two or three days from Galilee to Judea to be baptized in the Jordon River. He came \_\_\_\_\_ out of the water, indicating that he was immersed in the water (Matthew 3:16). The Bible says that John the Baptist “was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was \_\_\_\_\_ water there” – baptism wasn’t a sprinkling but an immersion.

Truths from Colossians 2:12-13

“... having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with him . . .” – it is obvious that when we are baptized we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

Also, this passage says the result of baptism is “He made you \_\_\_\_\_ together with Him, having \_\_\_\_\_ us all our transgressions.”

Before baptism a person is \_\_\_\_\_ in his sins, but God makes us \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in baptism and \_\_\_\_\_ forgives all our transgressions.

All this is done “through \_\_\_\_\_ in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

Some people baptize \_\_\_\_\_, but this is a \_\_\_\_\_ from the practice of the New Testament. Acts 8:12 says that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were baptized. The apostle Peter commanded people to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_, activities of people who are old enough to \_\_\_\_\_ on their own (Acts 2:38). Infant baptism denies the child an \_\_\_\_\_ to make up his own mind. What about “household” baptisms, weren’t there \_\_\_\_\_ in those households? All the accounts of household baptisms were made up of people old enough to \_\_\_\_\_.

Some people think one is saved by \_\_\_\_\_ alone before baptism. Although it is popular today to say one is saved by faith alone, without baptism, the \_\_\_\_\_ never taught such and this teaching was not known for sixteen centuries. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of redemption in Christ comes through baptism. Romans 6:3-7 clearly teaches that one is \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in baptism. We are baptized into Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ – Christ shed His blood in His death, thus, we come into \_\_\_\_\_ with the blood of Christ in baptism. In baptism we \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ so we can die to \_\_\_\_\_.

On the day of Pentecost Peter preached about the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and he ended the sermon affirming that they were guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (Acts 2:36). They felt the need of \_\_\_\_\_ and asked, “what \_\_\_\_\_ we do?” Peter answered, “\_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.” Some confuse people by saying they were baptized \_\_\_\_\_ their sins were already forgiven. Many versions correctly translate and make it clear that repentance and baptism are the required \_\_\_\_\_ so that their sins might be \_\_\_\_\_.

Though Saul of Tarsus met Jesus on the road to Damascus his sins were not washed away until he was obedient in baptism (Acts 22:16). His fasting and prayers did not wash away his sins.