

baptism

Jesus said, "Make all nations My followers, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

📖 Matthew 28:18-20

the meaning of the word baptize

The Greek word for baptize in the New Testament is **baptizo**. This means: to immerse.

be baptized

The people believed the good news about Jesus and asked, "What should we do?" Peter replied, "Turn away from your present life and be baptized under the invocation of Jesus Christ to receive forgiveness for your sins and disobedience to God. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit.

📖 Acts 2:37,38

A Jewish leader, Nicodemus, also asked Jesus what he should do. Jesus told him that everyone must be born again. And that baptism is part of this.

📖 John 3:1-7

When may you be baptized?

Nowadays, conversion (choosing for Jesus) and baptism are often drawn apart, whereas according to the Bible, your Christian life begins with baptism.



It is an assignment for everyone who comes to believe in Jesus. You do not have to wait until you have grown far enough in your faith.

The condition is that you believe in Jesus with all your heart.

📖 Acts 8:36-38

Water grave

Baptism is the end of your old life, life without Jesus. A life that ultimately leads to death. That is why baptismal water is also called "**water grave**". When you rise from the water, baptism shows that you have begun a new life, a life with Jesus. And that life is eternal!

📖 Colossians 2:11-13

📖 Romans 6:1-8

📖 1 Peter 3:20-22

💭 to think about

- ▶ Do you believe in Jesus and have not yet been baptized by immersion? Find another Christian or a church that can baptize you.

baptized as a young child?

Often parents have their children baptized as babies. By doing so, they want to show that their child belongs to God. They also want to show that they want to raise their child with faith in Jesus.

It is incredibly beautiful and precious that parents make this decision. But baptism, according to the Bible, is a choice you make based on your own faith.



In Acts 15 you can read about a fierce debate: Should the newly converted Gentiles (non-Jews) be circumcised and be subject to Jewish laws?

The conclusion drawn by the apostles, led by Peter, is that they do not need to be circumcised. But the apostles did not specify that believers should baptize babies instead. Jesus never said this either.

💭 to think about

📖 Matthew 3:13-17

- ▶ Jesus was circumcised as a baby, but was baptized as an adult.
- ▶ Would you like to follow Him and be baptized too?

baptism with fire and Spirit

It is meant to be baptized not only with water, but also with fire and with the Holy Spirit.

📖 Matthew 3:11

📖 Mark 1:8

📖 Acts 8:12-17

📖 Acts 19:2

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