**What is Baptism?**33

Baptism is a symbol of our relationship with God, just as a wedding ring is a symbol of commitment to our spouse.

**I. What does it mean?**

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1. It illustrates Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and resurrection

*“Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

*“For when you are baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. Colossians 2:12*

1. It illustrates my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as a Christian.

**II. Why Should I Be Baptized?**

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*“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

1. To follow the example set by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9*

1. Because Christ\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

**III. Why Baptize by Immersion?**

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*“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” Matthew 28:19-20*

1. It demonstrates that I really am a

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*“...many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” Acts 18:8*

*“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.” 1 John 2:3*

* Jesus was baptized by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." Matthew 3:16*

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

*"Then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39*