

“SHOULD I GET SOAKING WET?”



## Summary of Today's Message

So what's the deal with baptism? Why do Christians practice it? What does it have to do with my relationship to God? Peter raised the issue of baptism in this letter, but he tied it into what happened during the time of Noah and the great flood.

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What on earth could one have to do with the other?

Let's unravel these verses and then relate them to our current understanding of Christian baptism.

Does this really save a person?

# I. Introductory Statements

Christians don't even agree on how you should baptize

Immersion

Affusion

Aspersions

## II. Baptism Relates to the Past (vv. 20-21)

Noah's Flood: The Type

An *antitype* is something formed after some pattern;  
or, that which corresponds to a type

Flood waters of Noah are the type

Baptismal waters of the believer are the antitype

## II. Baptism Relates to the Past (vv. 20-21)

### Baptism: The Antitype

There was only one doorway in the ark—one way of salvation that you go through

So it is with Jesus

## II. Baptism Relates to the Past (vv. 20-21)

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

### III. Baptism Recalls a Principle (v. 21a)

Baptism is a visible practice of an invisible principle

Its Meaning

Greek *baptizó* meaning to dip, dunk, or drown; to be immersed in something—anything



### III. Baptism Recalls a Principle (v. 21a)

1 Corinthians 10:2

and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in  
the sea;

Luke 12:50

But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I  
am until it is accomplished!

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#### 1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16 (the three baptisms)

As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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#### Its Origin

Symbolized a Gentile leaving the pagan world and coming to a whole new life

A *mikvah* is a pool for baptism, for cleansing before entering the temple

# III. Baptism Recalls a Principle (v. 21a)

## Its Practice

How did baptism come to be a Christian thing?

John the Baptizer

It was a baptism unto repentance (see Mark 1:4 and Matthew 3:5-6)—these Jews were admitting that they were outsiders and that their religion wasn't enough

## IV. Baptism Reveals Power (v. 21b)

Jesus' power through His resurrection

The Power of a Good Conscience

Do you have to be baptized to be saved?

No—you have to be saved to be baptized

## IV. Baptism Reveals Power (v. 21b)

Acts 8:26-39

Mark 16:16

He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

Baptism follows faith

## IV. Baptism Reveals Power (v. 21b)

Acts 2:38

*For* in Greek is *eis*, meaning for, in order that, or because of

Modern translations say, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ as an expression of the remission of your sins"



Why should I be baptized?

Instruction

Jesus commanded it

John 14:15

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments

# Why should I be baptized?

## Identification

### Romans 6:3-4

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death,

# Why should I be baptized?

## Identification

### Romans 6:3-4

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

It makes your salvation personal

## Closing

Jesus was immersed in suffering so you could be immersed in salvation

He was immersed in pain so you might be immersed in peace

He was immersed in death so you and I can be saturated and immersed in life