

## Five Biblical Facts About Baptism

Biblical Fact #4

**IV. Baptism is \_\_\_\_\_: v13**

Just as salvation is intentional so is baptism. According to the Bible, both are chooses that one must make. One of the distinguishing differences between Baptists and other denominations throughout past centuries is our refusal to baptize BABIES. Why, because babies cannot come to Christ by faith. They cannot understand sin. And they can neither choose salvation nor baptism. In other words, a baby does not have the capacity to intentionally choose Christ.

But additionally, did you know that when v13 tells us ... *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him ...*, while that might not seem very significant, it shows that Jesus' baptism was very intentional.

According to Mark 1:9, Jesus walked 60 miles from Nazareth for the purpose of being baptized by John the Baptist. To those who would say that baptism is not important, is embarrassing, is not something they feel necessary, may we be reminded this morning that the Son of God walked 60 miles, humbled Himself, and was baptized to set the example for us.

And so ...

- baptism is inadequate to save anyone ... because water doesn't hold any power compared to the saving blood of Jesus
  - baptism illustrates the Gospel of Jesus Christ ... His death / burial / and resurrection
  - baptism identifies us with Christ ... who through His baptism was identified with the Father and Holy Spirit ...
  - baptism is intentional ... it's only for saved people
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## Four Biblical Facts About Baptism

Matthew 3:13-17

With the development and evolution of false religion from the 4rd century A.D even to today, baptism stands as one of the most controversial doctrines in the Bible. Throughout the centuries, many have been labeled has heretics, oppressed, persecuted, and even martyred for holding to what is known as "believer's baptism"; so to say that baptism is simply a confusing topic is an understatement. Yet, the Bible commands all born-again believers to be baptized.

So what does the Bible actually teach about baptism? Is baptism really part of our salvation? Should babies be baptized? Is baptism by pouring or sprinkling okay? This message is not intended to upset or offend anyone in their own baptism or beliefs. However, by way of study we do find clear answers to these questions in our Bible. So this morning, with teachable spirits, let's clear up the confusion by looking at four Biblical facts about Baptism.

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## Four Biblical Facts About Baptism

Biblical Fact #1:

### **I: Baptism is \_\_\_\_\_ for Salvation**

Religion attempts to connect and require baptism with for salvation. However, nowhere in the Scripture do find baptism having any role whatsoever in the Gospel. In our text, Jesus certainly didn't need to be saved and He didn't need to be baptized. So why then was He baptized?

- 1) To \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to the Gospel ...
  - 2) to \_\_\_\_\_ which confirmed His identity as the Messiah
  - 3) to be formally / publicly \_\_\_\_\_ by His forerunner (John the Baptist) in order that Scripture be fulfilled
  - 4) To lead us in public \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) to \_\_\_\_\_ the triune God's roles in salvation
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Biblical Fact #2

### **II. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel of Jesus Christ: v16, Romans 6:3-4**

In the Bible, when we find someone getting baptized, often we find either mention of them ...

- A. going \_\_\_\_\_ into the water to be baptized
- B. came \_\_\_\_\_ out of the water after baptism.

Never do we find baptism by sprinkling or pouring. Baptism by immersion properly illustrates Jesus dying for our sin, our sin being buried, and us rising from death (as Jesus rose from the dead) at the rapture unto glorified bodies for eternity. Baptism by pouring or sprinkling of water does not illustrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is therefore not a Biblical baptism.

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Biblical Fact #3

### **III. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Believer's with Jesus Christ**

When a Believer is baptized they are doing a righteous work unto God—not unto salvation but unto obedience. They are also, however, identifying with Jesus through their baptism, as well as identifying themselves with ...

A. God the \_\_\_\_\_:

- John 15:10 ... *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

- John 14:6 ... *Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.*

B. God the \_\_\_\_\_

- Romans 8:11... *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

- Eph. 1:13... *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Jesus' baptism not only *fulfulleth all righteousness*, but it also identifies us with Jesus AND with the Father AND with the Holy Spirit, in our baptism, which is why we are to be baptized, just as Jesus was baptized, by immersion, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

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