**Why Be Baptized?**

* Jesus said to be baptized as an act of faith in order to be saved – Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16
* Baptism is a command (NAS: “ordered”/ESV, KJV, NKJ: “commanded”) – Acts 10:48
* To be saved – Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21
* For the forgiveness of sins – Acts 2:38; Col. 2:12-13
* To wash away sins – Acts 22:16
* To be cleansed/washed by the word – Eph. 5:26; I Cor. 6:11
* To be regenerated – Titus 3:5
* To walk a new life – Rom. 6:3-5
* To appeal to God for a good conscience – I Pet. 3:21
* To enter the one body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; Col. 1:18) – I Cor. 12:13 (Eph. 5:23)
* To enter the kingdom of God – John 3:5
* To be born again by water and the Spirit – John 3:5 (Acts 2:38)
* To get into Christ – Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27 (Mt. 28:19; Acts 2:38: Baptized into His name)
* To share in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus – Rom. 6:3-9; Col. 2:9-14 (Baptism symbolizes Christ’s death, burial, and His resurrection; “newness of life”)
* To put on Christ – Gal. 3:27 (Rom. 13:14: “Put on the Lord…”)
* To seek things above – Col. 3:1-3 (to be raised up with Jesus, we need to be baptized into Jesus – Rom. 6:4-5; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:29)
* To not reject the counsel of God – Luke 7:30 (By rejecting John’s baptism they rejected God’s will; if people reject the baptism commanded by Jesus they reject the will of God!)
* Baptism is an act of faith in Jesus – Acts 19:4-5
* To justify (KJV/NKJ) God – Luke 7:29 (if baptism of John showed the justice of God, how much more so to be baptized in the baptism of Jesus?! – 19:4-5)
* Why be baptized? Jesus commands it as an act of faith (obedience) to be forgiven of sins and be saved!

**Who Should Be Baptized?**

* Those who are taught, who hear the word of God – Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 18:8: Crispus and the Corinthians; Acts 19:4-5: Ephesian disciples (Rom. 10:14, 17)
* Those who believe – Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12-13, 36-37; 18:8; 19:4-5 (Rom. 10:8-13)
* Those who repent of their sins – Acts 2:38
* Those who confess Jesus is the Son of God – Acts 8:36-37 (Rom. 10:8-10)
* Those who receive the word of God – Acts 2:41; 8:12-14
* Those who wish to enter the one body (church) through the one baptism – I Cor. 12:13 (Eph. 4:4-6)
* Those who want their sins forgiven and to be saved! – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16
* Who should be baptized? All those who want to obey the gospel (the word of God)!



**What Is Baptism (How)?**

* Baptism is a transliteration of a Greek word, *baptizo (G907).*
* *Strong’s (G907)* says, “to make whelmed (that is, fully wet); to immerse.”
* Thayer says:
	+ 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
	+ 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one’s self, bathe
	+ 3) to overwhelm
* One must go to water – Acts 8:36 (“much water” – John 3:23). People went out to John, who was baptizing at the Jordan – Mark 1:4-5
* Go down into the water – Acts 8:38 (not needed if sprinkling and pouring acceptable)
* A burial (sharing/uniting in the death and burial of Jesus) – Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12 (rules out sprinkling and pouring, for neither of those symbolize a burial!)
* Be washed – Acts 22:16; I Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26-27; Heb. 10:22
* A new birth – John 3:5; Rom. 6:4; I Pet. 2:1-3
* Raise up out of the water (sharing in Jesus’ resurrection) – Acts 8:39; Rom. 6:4-5, 8; Col. 2:12 (Rules out sprinkling and pouring as they don’t fit the example or the symbolism).
* What is baptism? How should one be baptized? Fully immersed in water for the forgiveness of their sins, in the name of the Father, Son, & the Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:19)!



 *(Adapted from a chart by Kyle Coe)*

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**Baptism Part 2: WWW?Baptism**

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Text: Ephesians 4:4-6

**Why? Who? What? Of Baptism**



Ephesians 4:4-6

4. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

5. one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6. one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

**What do the Scriptures say about the Why, Who, and What (How) concerning baptism?**