

Water Baptism 2019

Introduction

- A. There are three ordinances (sacramental observances) appointed in the New Testament for all Christians:
 - 1. The Lord's Supper
 - 2. Christian baptism
 - 3. Anointing the sick with oil
- B. Matt. 28:19–20—Go and “make disciples” of all nations. The outward act that indicates submission to discipleship is water baptism (compare Mark 16:15–16).

I. Four Main Requirements For Baptism

- A. Acts 2:38—You must *repent*, i.e., turn from your own way and submit to God.
- B. Mark 16:16—You must *believe* the gospel
- C. Matt. 28:19–20—You must *be taught*, i.e., commit yourself to discipleship.
- D. 1 Pet. 3:21—You must be able to *answer God with a good conscience*. Peter compares baptism to Noah and his family entering the ark. In the ark (= Christ) you pass through the waters (= baptism) into a new world.

II. Examples From The Book Of Acts

- A. Acts 2:41—If we “gladly receive” God’s Word, we will be baptized.
- B. Acts 8:36—Philip preached “Jesus” to the eunuch. As a result, he knew immediately that he needed to be baptized.
- C. Acts 9:18—Paul was baptized immediately after he was converted (compare Acts 22:16).
- D. Acts 10:47–48—Peter “commanded” the Gentiles to be baptized. This was the outward sign that the Jewish Christians accepted these Gentiles as fellow believers.
- E. Acts 16:33—Paul told the jailer that he could be saved through faith in Christ. Immediately after being saved, he and his household were baptized.
- F. Acts 19:5—When these disciples of John the Baptist heard the message of Christ preached by Paul, they were immediately baptized.

III. Spiritual Significance Of Water Baptism

- A. Rom. 6:3–11—Identification with Christ in death, burial and resurrection.
- B. 1 Cor. 15:2–6—The gospel consists of three simple facts. All three are contained in baptism (compare Col. 2:12; 3:1–4).

IV. Old Testament Patterns

- A. 1 Pet. 3:20–21; 1 Cor. 10:1–2, 6, 11
 - 1. Entering into the ark (= Christ) we pass through the water (= baptism)
 - 2. Every Israelite delivered out of Egypt passed through a double baptism:
 - a. “In the cloud” = in the Holy Spirit
 - b. “In the sea” = in water
- B. These are patterns for us. Final separation from Egypt was accomplished through the water.