

DEC 30, 2018

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

Baptize: To _____ or sink; _____.

A History of Baptism:

- Baptism was performed by various _____ cults and sects.
- Baptism was used in ceremonial _____ of Judaism.
- Followers of John the Baptist acknowledged _____ through baptism.
Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3; Acts 13:24; 18:25
- The earliest Christian baptisms were by _____, usually while standing in a river or other body of water, and later in baptismal pools.
- The earliest references to _____ baptism are in the second century, becoming the _____ around the fourth.
- The resurgence of baptism by _____ following _____ coincided with the _____ of the 15th & 16th centuries.

Christian Baptism In The New Testament:

- Early Christians chose to be baptized in _____ with the message of Jesus, as evidence of their _____ to Him, and to _____ their new life in Christ.
Ro 6:4; Col 2:12
- Baptism _____ is the clear New Testament pattern. Acts 2:38; 2:41; 8:12, 36-38; 9:17; 10:42-48; 16:14, 30-33; 18:7-8; 19:1-5
- There is no clear instance of _____ in the New Testament. Acts 16:31-34

Baptism is the first thing God asks us to do once we've believed in Jesus Christ. Baptism is a rich tradition established by Jesus and his earliest followers as a way to publicly acknowledge belief in Him, and to proclaim our desire to follow Him to the best of our ability.

And now what are you waiting for?
Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.
— Ananias to Paul, after his conversion (*Acts 22:16*)

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What is your baptism story?

What questions did the message answer for you? What questions remain?

What are you learning about God these days?

What questions do you have about other sacred traditions? (Like communion etc.) Have your group leader forward these to Britt for future messages.

Our baptism coordinator, Pam Dvorak will be glad to answer any questions you have about baptism, or to register you for the next baptism service. Please contact Pam at pdvorak@sunridgechurch.org.

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Baptize: To DIP or sink; IMMERSE.

A History of Baptism:

- Baptism was performed by various PAGAN cults and sects.
- Baptism was used in ceremonial PURIFICATION RITES of Judaism.
- Followers of John the Baptist acknowledged REPENTANCE through baptism.
Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3; Acts 13:24; 18:25
- The earliest Christian baptisms were by IMMERSION, usually while standing in a river or other body of water, and later in baptismal pools.
- The earliest references to INFANT baptism are in the second century, becoming the NORM around the fourth.
- The resurgence of baptism by IMMERSION following CONVERSION coincided with the REFORMATION of the 15th & 16th centuries.

Christian Baptism In The New Testament:

- Early Christians chose to be baptized in IDENTIFICATION with the message of Jesus, as evidence of their ALLEGIANCE to Him, and to SYMBOLIZE their new life in Christ.
Ro 6:4; Col 2:12
- Baptism FOLLOWING CONVERSION is the clear New Testament pattern. Acts 2:38; 2:41; 8:12, 36-38; 9:17; 10:42-48; 16:14, 30-33; 18:7-8; 19:1-5
- There is no clear instance of INFANT BAPTISM in the New Testament. Acts 16:31-34

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