

Title: Foundations of Faith 3, Baptism**WORK BOOK****Q. Does anyone here remember being Baptized when they were a baby?**

Baptism

Christ's example:

Mt 3:13-15

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this **to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then John consented.

Jesus was perfectly aligned with the Father.

Heb 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Walking in righteousness is seen as one comes into a perfect alignment with the omnipotence, and omnipresence of the Father, not only within our *persona* but ever-present in the ALLNESS of every facet and outward turn we encounter. Out from that awareness comes peace that passes all understanding.

We do not need to understand all the details anymore because we no longer are burdene as we once traveled down that long road of trying to figure out what was happening. We now KNOW all things because of the conscious understanding that all things come from him and that He is always giving what is perfect to his children in every moment in time and in every circumstance of life. Every step you take, every breath you breathe, every turn you make is by the power of the omnipotent God. When you are aligned with this truth and really SEE you know you are "**walking in righteousness.**" When you begin to understand that you have always been walking in his omnipotence, even though you were not aware of it, you will see the ALL-PRESENCE of the Father and then you will KNOW how it is impossible for you to fail. You have never been a failure from the understanding of spiritual pureness. "Unto the pure **all things** are pure" because **all things** are of God. This is true peace. Let no man take this from you. You do not care what foolishness they might throw at you because they will always have conditions to add to your present fear. The masters words to you are "fear not for I AM.....with YOU". Not a hair of your head moves apart from the power of the majestic will of the Father

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Jesus even though He was sinless was obedient to give us an example.

Heb 4:15

¹⁵*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.*

II Cor 5:21

²¹*God made him who had no sin to be sin^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Q. Is Baptism just a nice thing to do?**Christ's Command**

Mt 28:19-20

¹⁹*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Q. Was baptism a common practice of the Church?

Jh 4:1-3

¹*The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, ²although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.*

The term baptism

Baptize – Greek Baptizo – which means to immerse or dip something into a liquid.

Three other uses of the word Bapto from which baptize comes.

Luke 16:24

²⁴*So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'*

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Jn 13:26

²⁶*Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.*

Rev 19:13

¹³*He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.*

The Method of Baptism:

Mark 1:5-10

⁵*The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with^[a] water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 8:35-38

³⁵*Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*

³⁶*As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"^[a] ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

Q. Was Baptism part of what Philip preached to the eunuch?**Q. When is the time to be Baptized?**

The pattern of events

Acts 2:37-41

³⁷*When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*

³⁸*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

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⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Hear the Gospel
Repent and believe
Be Baptized

Water Baptism took place usually upon conversion:

Acts 16:33

³³At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

(I believe that if you look close, it was approximately 1 in the morning)

To understand the significance of Baptism, you must understand what God has accomplished through sending Jesus to die on the cross.

He died as our substitute, in our place, to pay our deaths penalty.

So we can experience forgiveness and be reconciled back to God through faith.

Rom 3:21-26

²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, ^[a] through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Rom 5:6-9

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

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I Pet 1:18-19

¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Jesus died in our place on the cross to put to death the power of sin in our lives so that we can experience righteousness in our living.

Q. How is this done?

Rom 8:3-4

³For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, ^[a] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. ^[b] And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ^[c] ⁴in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

II Cor 5:21

²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin ^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

I Pet:2:24

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Union with Christ:

When a person

- Repents of sin
- Believes in Christ
- Invites Him to become Lord and Savior
- They are united with Christ
- They are given a position called being “in Christ”

Paul states it best **“by one Spirit we were all baptized into (immersed, dipped, placed in) one body (1 Cor 12:13) also “Do you not know that all of us have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His Death” (Immersed, dipped into, baptiso)**

These references do not mean to be immersed in water

- a. but to be immersed, baptized into Jesus and this is a life changing event.

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Paul says:

“if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old has passed away behold the new has come

II Cor 5:17

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Now He lives in our hearts:

Rom 8:9

⁹You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

God is at work in our hearts to make us more like Jesus:

Phil 2:13

¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Rom 8:29

²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Baptism is:

- telling the world I identify with Jesus Christ death, burial and resurrection

- It's a symbolic ceremony that points to an inward change of heart
- It pictures and symbolizes our entrance into the Church of God
- It is like a marriage ceremony
- It is a declaration of death to all other potential lovers
- An establishment of a new and permanent union with our spouse
- It fulfills all righteousness just like Jesus did.

DO IT!