

What Is Baptism

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{WINTER}. Hey, I heard in my Sunday school teacher say that new Christians should get baptized.

{SAMANTHA}. Great, Time to go to the pool.

{MATT}. The pool? I need to get my floatie's!

{DAISY/PANDORA}. MEOW!, MEOW!, MEOW!

{SAMANTHA}. Daisy says she doesn't like water!

{WINTER}. Well, that's not a surprise, I don't think any cats like a bath.

{SAMANTHA}. Seriously, What do you mean?

{MATT}. Yeah, what do you mean baptized?

{SAMANTHA}. Like I said, time to go to the pool!

{WINTER}. What you mean, pool?

{BRIAN}. Wait a minute, wait a minute I think we're getting off into the weeds here.

{WINTER}. What weeds?

{BRIAN}. Well, if were talking about baptism, yes, there is water involved, but it's not like going to the pool.

{WINTER}. Oh!, so... It's like taking a bath!

{MATT}. No, not even close!

{WINTER}. Well, explain it to us then! What is this baptism thing?

{BRIAN}. Well, Jesus, as an ordinance to the church, which means :edict, decree, law, injunction, command, order, rule, dictate, directive, or mandate. Wanted all new Christians to identify with him in this manner.

{SAMANTHA}. What does that mean?

{BRIAN}. It simply means that Jesus wants you to identify with him in this manner.

{SAMANTHA}. So, what does that mean?

{MATT}. I got this Brian ... Well, usually the pastor of the church will hold you tightly, and as he says these words, (buried with him in death and raised to a new life), and briefly puts you under the water. This symbolizes that you are a new creature in Christ and now you belong to him. It has nothing to do with salvation or anything else.

{WINTER}. I thought you had to be baptized to be saved.

{BRIAN}. No, that's not true. It does not complete salvation, nor is it a part of salvation. It's basically a statement, marker, that you're going to be different.

{SAMANTHA}. Well, that's interesting!

{WINTER}. Yes, it is!

{SAMANTHA}. So, baptism doesn't have anything to do with salvation?

{BRIAN}. That is correct!

{SAMANTHA}. But what about that Scripture verse that says be baptized for the remission of sins?

{BRIAN}. Oh, you're talking about Acts 2:37

{WINTER}. Yeah, that!

{BRIAN}. Matt, do you want to explain?

{MATT}. Well, first of all let's quote that verse. Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

If you will notice it says "repent" and be baptized, or get saved and be baptized. Salvation comes first being baptized comes second, but one has nothing to do with the other except you shouldn't be baptized before you're saved because it doesn't count.

{WINTER}. I don't know if you're making this simple or harder!

{BRIAN}. Well, when Jesus asks you to do something, it is definitely in your best interest to do that. And Jesus asked you to be baptized after you become a Christian or get saved.

{MATT}. It's very simple really. Baptism is the first thing we do in obedience to Jesus. It's just like when you obey your parents. When your parents ask you to do something you shouldn't say I'm not doing it.

{SAMANTHA}. Pandora does!

{MATT}. Well, she's not here right now. You should gladly do whatever they ask you to do. It's the same thing when Jesus asked you to do something even more so, you should do it with a glad heart. So it's really simple Jesus ask you to do it, you should do it.

{WINTER}. Okay, well that's starting to make sense.

{BRIAN}. Hey, let's baptize Daisy and see how it works.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. MEOW! MEOW!, MEOW! HISS

{MATT}. I don't think she likes that idea.

{SAMANTHA}. Yeah, well, we don't want Jesus mad at us for not doing what were told.

{MATT}. Look, Jesus is not going to be particularly mad at you if you don't get baptized at least not at a young age or if your parents ask you to wait.

{BRIAN}. Baptism is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection to a new life.

{WINTER}. I don't like death.

{MATT}. No, it's a picture of a beautiful thing that Jesus did for us on the cross.

{WINTER}. Oh, OK!

{SAMANTHA}. So.....we won't drown? I still think Dasy should go first.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. MEOW, MEOW! HESS

{WINTER}. Well, since Jesus wants us to, baptism can't be all that bad.

{BRIAN}. Exactly!

{WINTER}. Ok, a guess we can get baptized then.

{SAMANTHA}. We should.

{MATT}. Even Jesus was baptized by John as our example.

{WINTER}. Ok let's do this.

{SAMANTHA}. Yeah!