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1. What do we know about baptism?
2. Why is it important?
3. What did it mean to you when you were baptized?
4. And what does it mean to you now?
5. Why do some Christians dismiss baptism?
6. What was your purpose when you were baptized?
7. Can you explain the difference between Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38?

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” **Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)**

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It was approximately 4 a.m. on January 18, 2026. God revealed to me that Christians deny and misrepresent Him regarding baptism.

BAPTISM IS....

- The **betrothal**, as depicted in the Bible, signifies a commitment to remain together, irrespective of any separation. The **engagement**, on the other hand, marks the sacred ceremony where you become the bride of Christ. The **commitment**, however, is the unwavering dedication to God and the promise to endure until the end.
- While the marriage takes place in heaven, the betrothal and engagement are earthly ceremonies.



Who are you betrothed to? What is the name of the one you fell in love with?

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)**

Baptism: A Defining Moment of Commitment is to be Buried with Jesus Christ in baptism!



Baptism: A Defining Moment of Rejecting Satan & the world, while Enriching your life with Jesus Christ!

- Baptism: The Essence and Importance of Baptism
- Many people believe that baptism is merely a symbolic act or a public display. However, this is far from the truth. If someone has been taught otherwise, it is because they lack knowledge of the truth.
- Christians often dismiss the importance of water baptism, considering it unnecessary or too burdensome. They may believe that baptism is not a requirement for salvation.
- However, the marriage supper of the Lamb awaits the born-again believers in Christ. But before that, there must be an earthly betrothal, engagement, or commitment from a Biblical perspective. In the Bible, a betrothed couple was considered married, and a separation required a formal divorce.
- **Therefore, saying that one does not need to be baptized is the same as saying that one does not need to be engaged to Jesus.**
- There are various ways people are baptized, and different formulas and names are used. Some people are baptized willingly, while others are baptized out of ignorance. This lack of understanding is a contributing factor to the decline of Christian foundations in this generation.
- Whenever a pastor commits suicide, I question their foundation. Whenever someone fails to grow in their faith over 20 years or returns to their youthful sins, I question their foundation. I ask myself: Was their faith in Jesus genuine? What were they baptized into? In what name were they baptized? How were they baptized?

Born Again of the water and Spirit

- **Burial:** In Genesis, water covered the face of the earth. It buried the Egyptian, the old man of bondage, when they attempted to cross the Red Sea after the Israelites. The crossing of the Jordan River was one of the greatest baptisms in the Old Testament. God even commanded the Israelites to remove the old stones and replace them with new one.
- **Separation:** When water covered the face of the earth during the days of Noah, it buried and separated the people of God from the rest of the world. Noah and those aboard the ark were lifted to heaven during the flood. The burial of the Egyptians was also a separation of the people of God from their enemies.
- **Fulfillment of Righteousness:** Jesus responded, “Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.” (Matthew 3:15)
- **Act of Obedience:** Jesus then allowed it. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately emerged from the water. The heavens opened up to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and landing on him. (Matthew 3:16)
- **Baptism is more than a public confession of commitment that is seen, acknowledged, and witnessed. It is a formal (openly) rejection of Satan and a betrothal to Christ Jesus!**

Baptism was a defining moment of fulfilling righteousness

- In this postmodern era, while churches don't entirely reject Jesus, they often deny Him during baptism. Baptism is often laughed about and taken lightly among Christians who profess to be Christ-like. However, what transpired in Acts of the Apostles was the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Today, many baptisms are not about fulfilling God's command, although they should be entirely about obedience and fulfilling the righteousness of God as delivered by Jesus, the Son of the living God.
- Jesus commands baptism, yet millions of Christians will tell you not to worry about being baptized; it's not important. This is modernism at its finest.
- Why would someone deny a new convert baptism, who has become a Christian for the gospel's sake? **Why would you put off an engagement with Jesus?**

When they heard this

“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, **He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized?** And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **When they heard this,** they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:1-5).

“Now **when they heard this** they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “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” (Acts 2:37-38). (ESV)