



Meaning of Water Baptism

Water Baptism: Session #4

What is the meaning of water baptism?

1. Water baptism is an act of _____.

You are obeying the command of Jesus and following his example.

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

We are water baptized in order to obey Jesus' command. We show that we know and love God when we obey his commands (1 John 2:3, 1 John 5:3).

2. Water baptism is an act of _____.

You are declaring that you have repented from your sins and turned to God.

Philippians 1:21

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

We are water baptized to declare that we are no longer living for ourselves, but for God.



3. Water baptism is an act of _____.

Acts 2:38 “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.’”

We are water baptized as a symbol that we are cleansed from our sins.

4. Water baptism is an act of _____.

You are identifying yourself with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

Romans 6:4 “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

We are water baptized to die to our old self and be raised to a new life in Jesus.



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5. Water baptism is an act of _____ with God.

In the New Testament water baptism replaces circumcision as the covenant act of a person committing his life to God. By dedicating oneself to God and being baptized *into* Christ, your identity is now in him. You are entitled to all the benefits of being a son/daughter of God. You are now *in* Christ and an heir to all of God's promises.

Romans 8:17 "Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

We are water baptized to dedicate ourselves to God and to belong to his family.