

"The Importance Of Baptism"

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"Repent and be baptized, everyone 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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself...Save yourselves from this crooked generation." Acts 2:37-41

I. A baptism in a heart-shaped bathtub

II. What is baptism? When do we first see it in the Bible? *Baptism comes from a Greek word that literally means...*

- > John the Baptist
- Jesus and the Great Commission
- > Peter's first sermon on Day One of the Church

III. From this data, we can say first that baptism is an ______ What does this mean? How do Protestants and Catholics differ in their understanding of things like baptism? IV. We can secondly say that baptism is a ______.

A. It is a sign of the ______ "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name." Acts 22:16

 B. It is a sign of Christ's _____& ____; we have died and risen with him.

"How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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 6:2-4

C. It is a sign of my inclusion into the ______. "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slave or free." 1 Corinthians 12:13

D. It is a sign of the sealing of the _____

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