

Christian Water Baptism

1) What is the idea behind the word “baptism”?

-Comes from the process of dying cloth: a cloth being submersed and absorbing dye.

-“Baptize” (βαπτίζω) is used to describe 6 different kinds of spiritually experiences of in the New Testament.

The common idea: “*Intimate Association*”

6 Biblical “Baptisms”

Baptism with Water by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1–7)

Baptism with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11–12)

Baptism with Fire (Matthew 3:11–12)

Baptism into Moses (1 Corinthians 10:1–4)

Baptism with Suffering (Mark 10:38)

Baptism with Water as a Christian (Matthew 28:18–19)

2) What is the meaning of Christian Water Baptism?

Water Baptism is a

Public declaration of your new association with:

- Jesus and the Trinity
- The Disciples of Jesus

Public commitment:

- made to the God to obey Jesus and represent Him in the world
- made to the other disciples, to be faithful as part of the church

A Picture of Burial and Resurrection (Romans 6:2–11)

- Pictures intimate association with Jesus in his death and resurrection.
- Pictures the internal results of association with Jesus in our own lives.

The Death of the Old Man and New Spiritual Life

“An outward picture of an inward change”



3) What happens to you at the moment of Baptism?

You *don't* get cleaned from sin, become born again, receive the Holy Spirit or get saved.

You *do* get wet.

You *do* encourage the watching believers.

You *do* challenge the watching unbelievers.

You *do* make God happy because you obeyed His command to be baptized.

You *do* enter into a *serious* agreement with God and the church to repent of sins and follow Jesus.

4) Baptism is always preceded by belief in the Gospel and accompanied by repentance from sin. (Acts 2:28-41, 1 Corinthian 15:1-4)

5) Baptism is in the name of the Trinity. You should only be baptized if you believe that the one true God exists as three distinct persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18–19, John 8:23–24)