

“We believe in and practice water baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper as acts of obedience for the Church in this age.”



THIS WE BELIEVE:
IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Matthew 28:19-20

“Should I be baptized?”

Discipleship and water baptism were directly tied to one another by Christ. A true disciple (student) of Christ IS/WILL BE baptized. It was commanded by Jesus and was common practice in the early Church (Acts 2:38-42)

“Does method matter?”

The word used here by Jesus in the Greek means “to immerse or submerge,” so why not?


“Was the practice of baptism strictly for Christ-followers?”

No. Baptism was practiced by various groups as a sign of belonging, including Gentiles who converted to Judaism, disciples of John the Baptist, etc.

“What does ‘in the name of’ have to do with anything?”

It means ‘in keeping with the character/nature of.’
Christian baptism is in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19) and ‘in the name of Jesus.’ (Acts 2:38)

Christian baptism is a public expression of our identification with Christ’s death, burial and resurrection. It is preceded by repentance (a godly sorrow/brokenness) for our sin. Repentance is an intentional turning away from sin and turning to Christ in faith. (Acts 2:38-42)



“Baptism in those days was a public declaration that the Christian thus giving his testimony for Christ was willing to die for Christ following those who indeed became victims of persecution unto death.” (Hebrew Greek Key Study Bible - See 1 Cor. 15:29)




1 COR. 11:23-26

See also Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:17-20

It is to be practiced in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and His finished work on the Cross.

It serves as our identification in Christ's life, death, burial and resurrection



It is the sign of the New Covenant, ratified once and
for all by the blood of Christ

It is to be practiced with some regularity

It is a hope-filled proclamation of His victory over sin,
death and the grave, and an assurance of His soon
return