

## **FC WATER BAPTISM – STUDENT NOTES**

### **What is baptism?**

The word “baptism” comes from the Greek word “baptizo”, meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ or submerge. And so, water baptism means, literally, to be dipped, or completely submerged, in water.

### **Is baptism important?**

Yes, it’s mentioned more than 100 times in the New Testament. 23x in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ alone, which is the historical record of the birth and formation of the early church.

### **Jesus said about water baptism:**

Matt 3:15 - But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God \_\_\_\_\_." And when Jesus was baptized, immediately God the Father spoke from heaven and showed His approval.

Matt 3:17 - And a voice from heaven said, "This is My dearly loved Son, who brings Me great \_\_\_\_\_." And after He rose from the dead, one of the final things He told the apostles was ...

Matt 28:19 - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:16 - He that believeth and is baptized shall be \_\_\_\_\_; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

### **NOTE: We are saved by faith, and then baptized in obedience.**

Baptism does not save you. Faith saves you. And then, once we are saved by faith, we get baptized.

It does NOT say, “he who is not baptized is not saved”. It says, “he that believes not shall be damned.” In other words, we are saved by faith (by believing in Jesus and receiving Him), and then we obediently follow Jesus and we are baptized in obedience.

Saved by faith.

John 1:12 - But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.

Eph 2:8 - God saved you by His grace when you \_\_\_\_\_. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Baptized as an act of obedience.

1 Peter 3:21 - ... baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In other words, you are not saved by dipping in magical water, or even “holy water”. It’s faith in Christ to be born again that saves you. And once you’re born again, now you follow Christ.

Rom 1:17 - "The righteous will live by \_\_\_\_\_."

James 2:17, Ampl - So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).

### **How soon should one be baptized?**

As soon as possible after believing in Christ. So, if you realize that your parents took you to church and had you baptized or “dedicated” to Christ as a baby or as a young child, that was wonderful of them to present you to the Lord, but that does not absolve you of your personal responsibility to be baptized once you personally believe in Jesus and receive Him.

Act 2:37 - Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Act 2:38 - Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 - This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles — all who have been called by the Lord our God."

Act 2:40 - Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

Act 2:41 - Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day — about 3,000 in all.

Acts 8:12 - But when they \_\_\_\_\_ Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were \_\_\_\_\_, both men and women.

### **What does baptism symbolize? New life!**

Rom 6:3 - Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, ***even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

Gal 3:27 - For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Summary:** Water baptism is a very important part of Christian life. When we believe in Christ, repent of our sins, and receive Jesus as our Lord, we publicly acknowledge Him and begin to walk out our life-long journey of faith in Him by obedience in baptism.

### **What now?**

1. Receive Christ.\*
2. Confess Christ. Begin to tell others that you believe in Jesus.
3. Repent of your sins.
4. Purpose to walk in new life. Ask the Lord to help you.
5. Register for water baptism. Follow instructions given on the registration link.
6. Invite your friends.
7. Show up, expect much, celebrate!

\* If you have not yet received Christ, do so now! Please pray this prayer with all your heart, believing that God hears your prayer and answers you with power.

"Dear Heavenly Father, I believe in Jesus. I believe that He is the Son of God. He died on the cross to pay for my sins, and He rose from the dead to give me the free gift of eternal life. Now, dear Jesus, please forgive all my sins, and come live in my heart. And please give me strength and help me live for you all the days of my life, until I see you one day face-to-face in heaven. Thank you, Jesus! And thank you, Father, for saving me through faith in your Son, Jesus Christ! Amen!"