

A BIBLE STUDY ON WATER BAPTISM

Definition: **Baptize** (Greek baptisma) “to dip or immerse; consisting of the process of immersion, submersion and emergence”.

A. A study about the requirement of circumcision in the Old Testament and how it compares to water baptism in the New Testament:

1. Because of our faith in Christ, whose ‘seed’ do we become? Galatians 3:27-29

2. When Abraham entered into covenant with God, the covenant sign was circumcision of all Jewish males. In view of Genesis 17:10-14, was circumcision optional or was it a requirement for all those entering into covenant relationship with God?

3. In light of Matthew 28:19-20, is water baptism optional or is it a requirement in order for a person to be obedient to Jesus Christ? _____

4. From the following Scriptures, what was required of converts to Jesus Christ during New Testament period?

a. Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38-41) _____

b. Samaritans (Acts 8:12) _____

c. Philip and the Eunuch (Acts 8:36-38) _____

d. Philippian jailer (Acts 16:30, 31, 33) _____

e. the Apostle Paul (Acts 22:16) _____

B. A study on water baptism from the New Testament

1. Spiritual Requirements:

According to Mark 1:15 and Acts 2:38, what must one do before being baptized in water?

2. The timing element in water baptism

According to Acts 2:38-41, how quickly were new converts baptized in water after they repented?

3. In the following Scriptures, what amount of water was used for water baptism?

Acts 8:38 _____

John 3:23 _____

C. Jesus was baptized (Matt. 3:13-17) as an example to us of obedience. He commanded everyone who believes to be baptized (Mark 16:16) as did the apostles (Acts 2:38, 10:47, 48). One way we demonstrate our commitment to His Lordship is by obeying His Word in being baptized. Christian full immersion baptism is the outward evidence that the death of the old sin nature has already taken place.

After you have completed the above portion, please complete and tear off the application below and return it to the church office or one of the ministers. You will be contacted regarding the next water baptism service.

APPLICATION FOR WATER BAPTISM

Since I have accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior and am born again; I desire to be obedient to the command of the Lord to be baptized in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) I believe that immersion is the correct method of water baptism, as this step clearly represents my burial and resurrection with our Lord Jesus Christ and initiates my walk with Him in ‘newness of life’. (Romans 6:4)

Full name (as to appear on certificate) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Today’s date _____

Signature _____