

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white dress, is being baptized in water. She is lying back, and her head is tilted. Water is splashing around her head and shoulders. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with a cool blue color palette. The word "Baptism" is overlaid in white text at the bottom.

Baptism

A person is being baptized in water. The person's head is submerged, and their arms are extended upwards. The water is dark blue, and there are many bubbles around the person's head. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Baptism is the
ceremony that
marks entering
God's kingdom

A photograph of a baptism ceremony. A person is being lowered into water, wearing white robes. Hands are visible holding the person. The water is dark blue, and there are white bubbles and foam around the person's head. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif font.

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“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”

Romans 3:23

[Jesus] himself bore our sins, in his body, on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you are healed.”

1 Peter 2:24

“By grace you have been saved, through faith...”

Ephesians 2:8

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5:17



Baptism is:

An Appeal to Christ's Grace

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

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21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as **an appeal to God for a good conscience**, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

1 Peter 3:18,21-22



Baptism is:

A Change of Allegiance

4 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.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.

A baptism scene with water splashing over a person's head. The person is wearing a white garment. The background is dark and out of focus.

Baptism is:

A Change of Allegiance

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:4-14



Baptism is:

A New Beginning

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

[You have] been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Colossians 2:12-15

My encouragement to you:

If you've placed your faith in Jesus but haven't been baptized, then talk to the elders and get baptized!

Remember the true gospel:

Daily appeal to Christ's grace

Daily declare your allegiance to Christ

Daily leave the old man behind and embrace the new man Christ is shaping in you

