

What is the implication when Philip and the Ethiopian went into and out of the water?
Ac 8:38,39. _____

Outward Demonstration of Inward Conversion

Water baptism is the biblical way to confess publicly that you have repented of your sins and have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and that you have decided to live for Him.

What happens spiritually when we are baptised?

In *Rom 6:3*, it says that when we are baptised into _____, we are also baptised into His _____.

In *Rom 6:4*, water baptism is likened to being _____ with Him unto death, that like as Christ was _____ from the dead by the glory of the Father, even we also should walk in _____ of life. (KJV)

In your own words explain what *v6*, is saying. _____

Also explain what *v11* is saying _____

In *Gal 3:27*, what does it say happens to us when we are baptised into Christ?

So then the good news is that our old sin loving nature has been put to death in our baptism into Christ, and sin no longer rules our lives, *Rom 6:14*.

Personal Application

Water baptism is not a dead religious ritual. Both *Rom 6:14* and *Col 2:11-15* speak of the tremendous blessings and transformation that will take place because of your obedience to God.

Do not let the devil rob you of this wonderful blessing. If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, water baptism and all the related blessings are rightfully yours. Do not put it off. Talk to the leadership of your church and have your water baptism arranged soon. You will be blessed.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE

Study Four: Water Baptism

An Example and Command

Water Baptism was ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, both by His own example as well as a command. According to *Mat 3:13-17* what was the Lord's first mission in life? *v15* _____

In *Mat 28:18-20*, what was the Lord's last commission? _____

Sign of Ownership

In the Old Testament circumcision was a sign that the people belonged to God. Look up *Gen 17:9-14*. What was circumcision to be a sign of? *Gen 17:10* _____

Beside a physical cutting of the flesh, circumcision also had a spiritual meaning. What is this? *Deut 30:6*. _____

In the New Testament water baptism was to replace the Old Testament practice of circumcision, as well as be a fulfilment of the meaning of it. In the New Testament what is the meaning of circumcision for believers? *Col 2:11* _____

For the New Testament believer how does water baptism replace and fulfil the meaning of circumcision? *Col 2:12* _____

Examples of the Early Church

In the book of Acts, we read of many accounts where the disciples of Jesus baptised believers in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. What step is necessary before someone is baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ? *Ac 2:38*. _____

What does it mean to repent? _____

Into whose name are we baptised? *Ac 2:38* _____

Notice Jesus' words in *Mat 28:19*, for baptism. When we are baptised in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ we are also being baptised in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

What are the two benefits mentioned here of being baptised? *Ac 2:38* _____

How soon after being saved were they baptised? *Ac 2:41* _____

How big was the baptismal service? *Ac 2:41* _____

Philip had been preaching in Samaria, *Ac 8:5-12*. What did the converts believe before they were baptised? *Ac 8:12*. _____

Later Philip went to preach to a government official in a chariot. *Ac 8:26-35*. As Philip preached about Jesus to him, *v35*, the Ethiopian asked if he could be baptised, *v36*. What did Philip say was necessary before he could be baptised? *Ac 8:37* [This verse maybe in the margin, or as a footnote.] _____

What did the Ethiopian say? *Ac 8:37* _____

Where and when was he baptised? *Ac 8:36,38* _____

Saul was persecuting believers before he was saved, *Ac 9:1-6*. After three days, *v9*, the Lord sent a disciple, Ananias to pray for him, *v10-16*, to receive back his sight and to be filled with the Holy Spirit, *v17*. What was the first thing Saul did after Ananias prayed for him? *Ac 9:18* _____

Lots of people in the house of Cornelius heard Peter's preaching, *Ac 10:34-43*. As Peter preached, the Holy Spirit fell on the hearers and they spoke in tongues, *v44-47*. What was Peter's command to this houseful of new converts? *Ac 10:48* _____

When Lydia was baptised, who else was baptised? *Ac 16:14,15* _____

Who actually opened her heart to believe the words of the Gospel that Paul preached? *Ac 16:14* _____

At midnight, in gaol, *Ac 16:25*, Paul and Silas sang praises to God. There was a mighty earthquake. The doors flew open. The gaoler was about to take his own life but Paul assured him no-one had escaped. Under conviction of his sins, the gaoler cried out to be saved, *v30*, and he was. So in the early hours of the morning, Paul preached to his whole household and they all believed in Jesus Christ. How soon after this, were they all baptised? *Ac 16:33* _____

In *Ac 19:1-6*, two forms of water baptism are mentioned. Firstly, John the Baptist's baptism of repentance for sins, *Mat 3:6*, and secondly, baptism in the Name of Jesus. At this Christian baptism into Christ, of the 12 followers of Jesus, *v5*, what happened as they were prayed for? _____

For Believers Only

All the references in the Bible on water baptism imply that this is for people who have believed in, and received, the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. The basic qualification for water baptism is a deliberate act of faith in, and a decision to hand our lives over to the Lord. Once we have done this we immediately qualify for baptism. The book of Acts gives many instances where people received water baptism immediately after they repented of their sins and received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Mode of Baptism

The word "baptise" means to "dip, immerse, make fully covered," and all the references in the Bible imply that people were fully immersed in water.

Where did Jesus' baptism take place? *Mat 3:6,16* _____

Mat 3:16, says that Jesus went up out of the water. What does this imply? _____

Write down the first part of *Mk 1:10* _____

John the Baptist was baptising people at Aenon near Salim, *Jn 3:23*. Why did John choose this place. _____

What does this imply? _____