

SON OF GOD
Pt. 1 - Jesus' Baptism and Your Baptism
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Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

^[13] Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

^[14] But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

^[15] Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

^[16] As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

^[17] And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Romans 6:2-4 (NIV)

^[2] ...We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

^[3] Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

^[4] We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

1. You need to be baptized because Jesus **DEMONSTRATED** it

By His own baptism, Jesus was saying,

"If you truly want to follow me, then you need to follow me into this water. If I need to do this, then so do you."

2. You need to be baptized because Jesus **COMMANDED** it

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

^[19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ^[20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Baptism is not an option.

*It is a commandment
for every follower of Jesus Christ.*

1 John 2:3 (NIV)

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

3. Baptism is your PUBLIC STATEMENT that you belong to Jesus Christ

*Your baptism tells the world
that you are not ashamed
to be a follower of Jesus*

Mark 8:38 (NIV)

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

Acts 2:41 (NIV)

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

4. Baptism is a symbol of INCORPORATION

1 Corinthians 12:13, 27 (NIV)

^[13] For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

^[27] Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.