

**Why Do Christians
Need To Hear About**

BAPTISM

A large, energetic splash of blue water is centered in the lower half of the image. The water droplets and ripples are captured in sharp detail, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The word "BAPTISM" is superimposed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the water splash.

Baptism Is About Coming to Live with Christ

- Questions for Christians connected to our baptism (Rom. 6:1-3)
- Answers for Christians connected to our baptism (Rom. 6:4-7)



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- In our baptism we have been united/planted together with Christ (Rom. 6:5-7)
- Paul affirms we are participating with Christ in our conversion when we are baptized (Rom. 6:6-12; Gal. 2:20)

Baptism Is About Coming to Live with Christ

- When Paul emphasizes the working of God in our conversion, he highlights our burial with Christ in baptism
- In baptism we see the harmony of God's grace working with our faithful obedience

Because Biblical Baptism Guards the Gospel Against Doctrinal Departure

- One of the greatest dangers for Christians is gradual distortion of its message
- When baptism is minimized, grace becomes ambiguous, faith becomes undefined, and obedience becomes a secondary consideration

Because Biblical Baptism Guards the Gospel Against Doctrinal Departure

- It demonstrates that saving faith is spiritual allegiance, loyal surrender, and faithful obedience
- It embraces God's faithfulness to His promises and the blessing of salvation
- It also helps us appreciate the difference between the basis and conditions of our salvation

Because Baptism Anchors Our Assurance

- Many Christians struggle with the question, “Was I truly forgiven?”
- The NT repeatedly points Christians back to their baptism into Christ for confidence and transformation (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:3-5; Heb. 10:22-23)

Because Baptism Keeps Christ On Our Minds and Hearts

- Relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19)
- Salvation and forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12)
- Integral part of preaching the gospel of Christ (Acts 8:35-39)
- Inseparable connected to the body of Christ and the unity of Christians (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:4-6).