



New Life in Christ

How to Walk in Christian Obedience

Baptism: Identifying with Christ and His Church

The Motive for Baptism: Why Should You Be Baptized?

Baptism is necessary for Christian obedience, and is vital to growth in your Christian walk. We are encouraged to keep Christ's commandments through baptism:

1. By the example of Christ.
2. By the encouragement of New Testament believers (Acts 8:26-38; 10:47-48; and 16:25-34).
3. By the explanation of Scripture (Romans 6:4-5).

The Method of Baptism: How Should You Be Baptized?

Baptism can be confusing for some, but the Bible tells us the method of baptism clearly. It is a picture of our identification with Christ through His death, burial and resurrection.

The word "baptize" in the New Testament translates to mean "immerse," "submerge" or "to place under." Scripture says that Jesus "came up out of the water" when He was baptized.

The Meaning of Baptism: Who Should be Baptized?

1. Baptism is a public declaration of the believer's personal faith in Christ.
2. Baptism is a perfect illustration of what Christ did for sinners on the Cross through His death, burial and resurrection.
3. Baptism is a personal identification between Christ and His church.

The Moment of Baptism: When Should You be Baptized?

You should be baptized immediately following your salvation experience as a new believer. This is according to the pattern found in Acts 2:41.

Church Membership: Strengthening Your Faith with Other Believers

The Church is not a building or organization, but a body of believers with Christ as the Head. The Bible illustrates the Church as a body, bride, branch and a building of God. Your membership within a local church is a significant part of your Christian growth and walk with the Lord.

Opportunities of Membership

1. Membership means identity.
2. Membership means involvement (Romans 12:4-5).
3. Membership means influence.

Obligations of Membership

1. Accountability (1 Corinthians 12:20-27)
2. Testimony (Ephesians 4:1-32)
3. Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

