



What We Believe And Why

“The Role Of Baptism”

- Introduction:
1. I don't know of a single religious organization that does not practice baptism in some form or fashion.
 2. Nor do I know of a single religious topic that generates as much debate as this single topic.
 3. Of course, like all issues, the answers are to be found in the word of God, so let's examine this topic in light of what the Scriptures teach.

I. The Recipients Of Baptism

- A. (Mark 16:15-16).
- B. (Acts 8:37).
- C. (Acts 2:37-38).
- D. The practice of infant baptism is wholly without Scriptural support.

II. The Mode Of Baptism

- A. “Baptism” comes from a Greek term meaning “to dip, to plunge, to immerse.”
- B. (Romans 6:3).
- C. (Acts 8:36-38).
- D. Note the imagery of a “death, burial, and resurrection.”

III. The Purpose Of Baptism

- A. “For the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).
- B. “Wash away our sins” (Acts 22:16).
- C. “To be saved” (Mark 16:16).
- D. “To enter Christ” (Galatians 3:27; 2 Timothy 2:10).

- Conclusion:
1. When one removes the baggage of human tradition and man-made innovation, the biblical role of baptism can be clearly seen.
 2. Baptism is the line in the sand; it stands not as our Savior, but as the time and place when our Savior saves us from our sins.
 3. Trust and obey for there is no other way (Colossians 2:11-12).