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**THE JESUS-CENTERED LIFE  
SHOWING OUR LOVE  
BAPTISM  
Matthew 3:5-9, 13-16, Acts 2:37-41**

**How important is baptism?**

- Jesus **Himself** was baptized. Matt. 3:16
- Jesus **approved** of His disciples baptizing. John 3:22; 4:1-2
- Jesus **commanded** that people be baptized—it is not optional. Matt. 28:19
- The early church placed **great** emphasis upon it. Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12-13, 36, 38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:15; 18:8; 19:5
- Baptism is a foundational **truth**. Heb. 6:1-2

**What is baptism? Matt. 3:16; Acts 2:37-41**

- **Water** baptism—dip, plunge, submerge, immerse, and to place into. To dip an object into the water or other liquid, not to have the liquid put on the object. Matt. 3:6, 14-16; Acts 8:36-39; John 3:23; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27
- Baptism **regeneration**. Acts 2:38; 22:16; 9:17-18; 1 Cor. 1:17; John 1:12; 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 10:43
- **Believer's** baptism. Acts 2:38-41
- Baptism **follows** repentance. Acts 2:38; 10:43; Matt. 3:8; 3:19
- Baptism **declares** our allegiance and identification with Christ. Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27; Acts. 2:38, 41; 8:36-38; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:22, 24
- Baptism is an act of **obedience**. Matt. 3:16; Acts 2:38-41; 8:35-39; Matt. 28:19
- Baptism places us within the **Body** of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:13

**When and where?**

- After repentance, not **before**. Acts 2:38
- As **soon** as possible and it is public. Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; 16:14-15, 31-33; 18:8; 19:5