



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #6: THE ORDINANCE OF WATER BAPTISM

What Water Baptism Is Not

Circle the option that best describes each erroneous teaching.

- A. **Baptismal regeneration** teaches:
 1. Once saved, always saved.
 2. Baptism saves you.
 3. Previous generations are saved by your baptism.

- B. **Infant baptism** teaches:
 1. Baby Christians should be baptized.
 2. Babies should be dunked.
 3. Baptism is a means of grace.

- C. **Baptism for the dead** teaches:
 1. The spiritually dead need to be revived.
 2. The dead may be vicariously baptized.
 3. Corpses should be baptized.

- D. **Multiple baptisms** teach:
 1. One should never be baptized alone.
 2. A believer may be baptized several times.
 3. When baptized, one should be immersed three times, symbolizing the Trinity.

Why it's bogus:

Statement of Faith #6



We believe the ordinance of baptism by immersion in water is commanded of all who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as Savior. It represents having died with Christ and being raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

What We Believe Concerning Water Baptism

- We believe in _____

- How many ordinances does the Church observe?

- ▶ What are they?

- ▶ What is an ordinance? _____

- ▶ What is their purpose? _____



The Biblical Teaching of Water Baptism

- **What is the Biblical method?**

- ▶ The word *baptize* literally means

“ _____ ” or
“ _____ ”.

- ▶ What do we learn from the following verses regarding the Biblical method of water baptism?

Acts 8:36 –

Acts 8:38 –

Rom. 6:3-4 –

Col. 2:12 –

Matt 3:16 –

Acts 8:39 –

John 3:23 –

- **What is the Biblical formula?**

- ▶ According to Matt. 28:19, what is the biblical formula for water baptism?

- ▶ Does Acts 2:38 contradict Matthew’s formula?

- **What is the Biblical meaning?**

- ▶ Baptism is symbolic of 3 important truths:

1. _____.
Read I Cor. 15:3-4.

2. _____.
Read 2 Cor. 5:17 and Rom. 6:3-5.

3. _____.
Read John 14:19

- ▶ What is a good definition of water baptism?

- **What is the Biblical timing?**

- ▶ F.F. Bruce, one of the finest New Testament scholars of our time, states that “the idea of an _____ is simply _____ in the New Testament.”

- ▶ Baptism ought to be the “first of all outwardly duties” of the new Christian.

1. The _____ was baptized immediately. (Acts 8:36-38)

2. _____ was baptized by _____ within hours after conversion. (Acts 9:18)

3. _____ and his house full of friends obeyed the Lord in baptism the very day that saving faith came. (Acts 10:47-48)

4. _____ and her household were baptized shortly after conversion. (Acts 16:14-15)

5. The _____ and his household were baptized that same hour. (Acts 16:33)

6. In the light of this _____, we cannot _____ baptism after conversion.

Peter preached in Acts 2:38, “Repent and be baptized.”

Summary: Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. Jesus was, and He is our example! (Matt. 3:13-17)
2. Jesus commanded it and He’s our Lord! (Matthew 28:19)
3. Every believer was baptized in the book of Acts!
4. It is the outward picture of the inward reality of my death to sin and resurrection of life! (Rom. 6:3-4)
5. I am not disciplined until I have been baptized. (Matt. 28:18-20)
6. The great Apostle Paul was baptized. (Acts 9:18)
7. It is proof to God that my faith is valid.
8. Because it is the only outward act that fully represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.