

To Fulfill All Righteousness

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[Matt 3:11-17](#)

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

I. WHAT IS BAPTISM?

INSTITUTED BY JESUS

[1 Peter 3:21](#) and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also — not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

COMMISSIONED BY JESUS

[Matt 28:19](#) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

FAITHFULLY ADMINISTERED BY THE EARLY CHURCH

[Acts 2:38](#) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

RECEIVED BY FAITH (NOT WORKS)

[Mark 16:15-16](#)

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

SEALED (MARKED) WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

[Eph 1:13-14](#)

13 Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

2. WHO'S IT FOR? (The Active Agent is always GOD) BELIEVERS BAPTISM (ALL WHO RECEIVE IT IN FAITH)

INFANT BAPTISM

OT - Sign of covenant with Abraham (circumcision-Gen 17)

NT whole families were converted and baptized (Paul & Silas' Jailer-Acts 16:33, Lydia-Acts 16:14-15, Stephanas-1 Cor. 1:16)

Jesus said, "...Let the little children come to me..." (Matt 19:13-15)

Pentecost – Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you...The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

3. WHAT DO WE RECEIVE THROUGH IT? REMISSION OF SIN THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

[Matt 26:27-28](#)

27 Then [Jesus] took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

POWER TO LIVE AS CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

[Acts 1:8](#)

... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

SPIRITUAL LIFE (DEATH TO SELF - LIFE THROUGH CHRIST)

[Rom 6:3-4](#)

3... all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.