



Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 8



Let's hear your story

1. Name the different baptisms according to Hebrews 6:2? **(Baptism into one body, in water as a believer, in the Holy Spirit and with fire.)**
2. How would you explain believer's baptism according to Matthew 28:19? **(A step of obedience to Jesus' command.)**
3. Who can be baptised according to Acts 2:38? **(Those who have repented of their sins and believed in Jesus Christ.)**
4. What does Matthew 3:13 – 17 tell us? **(That Jesus Himself was baptised.)**



Let's go deeper

5. Do you need to be baptised in order to be saved? **(No, we are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone – See Ephesians 2:8 – 9).**
6. When can a believer be baptised according to Acts 8:36 – 37 and 16:32 – 33? **(After repentance of sins and faith in Jesus Christ.)**
7. How should you be baptised according to the Greek word for baptism "baptizo"? **(By full immersion, to make fully wet.)**
8. What does believers baptism demonstrate according to Romans 6:3 – 4? **(Identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.)**



Let's apply this

9. John 3:26b; ...Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.

Believer's baptism is a step of obedience after faith in Christ. It is a proclamation of faith in Christ, a statement of submission to Him and an identification with His death, burial and resurrection.

- Have you been baptised as a believer?
- If not, please speak to your life group leader or attend our next believer's baptism info session for more details.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 8 (Believer's baptism also referred to as water baptism)

Read: John 3:22 – 36; Hebrews 6:2 and Romans 6:3 – 4

What are the different baptisms?

1. Baptised into one body: (Position in the body of Christ). See 1 Cor.12:13; Gal.3:27.
2. Baptism in water as a believer: (Public declaration). See Matthew 28:19.
3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit: (Power). See Matthew 3:11b.
4. Baptism with fire: (Purification). See Matthew 3:11b.

What is believer's baptism (water baptism)?

- It is a step of obedience to Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19.
- It points to an existing born-again relationship with God.
- It is a public declaration of a personal decision between a believer and God.
- The Greek word "Baptizo" means to plunge, immerse, to make fully wet.

Who should be baptised?

Born-again believers who repented of their sins and believe in Christ. See Acts 2:38.

Why believer's baptism?

- It is a command from Jesus. See Matthew 28:19.
- Jesus Himself was baptised. See Matthew 3:13 – 17.
- Early church baptised believers. See Acts 2:41; 8:12, 38; 9:18; 10:48; 10:15; 16:33.
- It's a decision in faith to leave your sinful life behind and obey Christ. Acts 22:16.

Do you need to be baptised in order to be saved?

No, we are saved by grace alone through faith in Christ alone – See Ephesians 2:8–9.

When should a believer be baptised?

After repentance of sins and faith in Jesus Christ – See Acts 8:36 – 37; 16:32 – 33.

How should you be baptised?

Your whole body should go under the water, to identify with the death of Christ.

Believer's baptism testifies to:

- Heaven, that we belief in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The church (body of Christ) that we are part of it.
- The world that we are finished with it.
- The devil that we belong to God.

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