

An aerial photograph of ocean waves with a semi-transparent circle overlay. The text 'BAPTISM' is written across the circle, with 'BAPT' in white and 'ISM' in black.

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Balance

Is water baptism necessary
in order to be saved?

As for you, you were **dead** in your
transgressions and sins,

Ephesians 2:1 NIV

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **made us alive** with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by **grace** you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4,5 NIV

For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God—not by **works**, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:9 NIV

If baptism isn't essential
for salvation, then why is
it important at all?

The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were **baptized** by him **in** the Jordan River.

Mark 1:5 NIV

At that time Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan.

Mark 1:9 NIV

After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and **baptized**.

John 3:22 NIV

Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was **plenty of water**, and people were coming and being baptized.

John 3:23 NIV

Then Jesus came to them and said,
“**All authority** in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Matthew 28:18 NIV

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,

Matthew 28:19 NIV

and teaching them to obey
everything I have **commanded** you.
And surely I am with you always, to
the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20 NIV

Pentecost

Those who **accepted** his message
were **baptized**, and about three
thousand were added to their
number that day.

Acts 2:41 NIV

Belief comes before baptism.

But when they **believed** Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were **baptized**, both men and women.

Acts 8:12 NIV

As they traveled along the road,
they came to some water and the
eunuch said, “Look, here is water.
What can stand in the way of my
being **baptized**?”

Acts 8:36 NIV

And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip **baptized** him.

Acts 8:38 NIV

Baptism is a picture
of what we believe.

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.

Romans 6:4 NIV

For if we have been united with him
in a death like his, we will certainly
also be united with him in a
resurrection li

Romans 6:5 NIV

Baptism is a profession
of what we believe.

Baptism isn't a
profession of perfection.

Baptism is a step of obedience.

Baptism is our declaration
of a new association.

What's keeping you from it?
Be baptized.