

I. Baptism is not:

- It is not for _____.
- It is not ______ for salvation.
- It is not a ______ experience.
- It is not ______ for believers.

II. Baptism is . . .

1. ... in water. 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 alighting on him. Matthew 3:16

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; Acts 8:38 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

2. ...A to every believer. 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, ²⁰ 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 29:19-20

3. ... A _____ and symbol of death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Luke 12:50

4. ... An expression of our ______ with Christ. 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. Romans 6:3-4

| Next Steps for July 12: |
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| next Baptism Celebration on Sunday, August 9. |
| \Box Give financially to support the work and ministry of the church. |
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| □ Volunteer to help serve in the life of the church. |
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