

# Why be Immersed or Baptized In Water?



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Why Be passively Immersed In water or Why be  
“Baptized”

To be immersed in water is only a part of the salvation plan of God as a prerequisite Command needed to be saved.

We must first be a believer in Christ or else our being immersed in water would be a worthless act.

Christ was ask what Works of God must we do. John 6:28 ¶ *Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent.*

We must learn to know not only why we are being Immersed in water unto the remission of our sins to be saved, but before we are immersed in water, Christ commands us that we must first put on Humility or from the seat of human emotions or humble the attitude of our mind to become the believer in Christ. Before being immersed in water, put on Humility with willingness to accept whatever God requires of us to do to be saved.

**If we refuse to do the work of God to make us believers in God, then as an unbeliever it would be worthless for us to be immersed in water.**

*Matthew 18:1 ¶ In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, Verily I say unto you, Except you turn, and become [humble] as little children, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child [that has humbled self] in my name receives me.*

Just to be immersed in water without believing or if we refuse to, from the seat of our human emotions, to humble self to whatever our God requires of us to do to be saved (as other prerequisites need to do to be saved) then our immersion in water alone will do nothing to save self. To humble self, is to create in the heart a willingness

to accept whatever is written as prerequisites in commands to keep from our God as truth needed to be saved.

God invites us in our free will, to come to Him using our own free will. Question is God giving us free will to make this choice either to obey or to not obey Him.

**Matthew 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.***

What load our God requires of us to do to be saved is easy, but the load we put on ourselves and the great competition and load others will put on us will be our greatest trial of our life.

Do not let anyone tell you that you have no free will and God is forcing you to come to Him and that you are predestined and you have no choice to obey God.

In the invitation “To come to God”, then God commands us to believe and to be immersed in water. The disciples of the devil want to confuse this command of God to be immersed in water and our obedience to God as being a worthless work. Do not be deceived.

Immersion in water is a Passive act of an individual in obedience to the Command of God. The Obedience to God is done by free will to save self. If we don't act on



AV-Baptist 14; 14

- 1) an immerser in water.
- 2) one who administers the passive act of immersion in water unto the Remission of their Sins
- 3) the surname of John, the forerunner of Christ

908 βαπτισμα baptismā bap 8“>-tis-mah  
from 907; TDNT-1:545,92; n n

## **2) AV-baptism**

See Strong 8“i/s 908 βαπτισμα baptismā bap  
...6 8“i/τ...-tis-mah

from 907; TDNT-1:545,92; n n

AV-baptism 22; 22

- 1) immersion, submersion
  - 1a) of calamities and afflictions with which one is quite overwhelmed
  - 1b) of John’s immersion in water, that purification rite by which men on confessing their sins were bound to spiritual reformation, obtained the pardon of their past sins and became qualified for the benefits of the Messiah’s kingdom soon to be set up. This was valid Christian Immersion, as this was the only immersion the apostles received and it is not recorded anywhere that they were ever re-immersed in water after Pentecost.
  - 1c) of Christian immersion; a rite of immersion in water as commanded by Christ, by which one after confessing his sins and professing his faith in Christ, through Immersion

in water having been born again by the Holy Spirit unto a new life, identifies publicly with the fellowship of Christ and added by God to the Ekklesia of Christ (Acts 2:47).

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In #Ro 6:3 Paul states we are “immersed [in water] unto death” meaning that we are not only dead to our former ways, but they are buried. To return to them is as unthinkable for a Christian as for one to dig up a dead corpse! In Moslem countries a new believer has little trouble with Moslems until he is publicly baptized. It is then, that the Moslems’ know he means business, and then the persecution of the Christian starts. See also discussion of immersion in water or “baptism” under No. 907.

3) Baptisms in the plural meaning more than one.

Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

4) Baptism in the singular Strong’s Greek word number 908

John preached the immersion in water [Baptism] of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

If you want to research the Greek manuscripts I will give you the Strong’s Greek dictionary word numbers so you can easily look up word meaning from the ancient Greek Bible language.

Mark 1:4 John <2491> did <1096> (5633) baptize <907> (5723) in <1722> the wilderness <2048>, and <2532>

preach <2784> (5723) the baptism <908> of repentance <3341> for <1519> the remission <859> of sins <266>.

Ephesians 4:5 One <1520> Lord <2962>, one <1520> faith <4102>, one <3391> baptism <908>,

Romans 6:4 Therefore <3767> we are buried with <4916> (5648) him <846> by <1223> immersion [[in water] [a baptism] <908> into <1519> death <2288>: that <2443> like as <5618> Christ <5547> was raised up <1453> (5681) from <1537> the dead <3498> by <1223> the glory <1391> of the Father <3962>, even so <3779> we <2249> also <2532> should walk <4043> (5661) in <1722> newness <2538> of life <2222>.

1Peter 3:21 The like figure <499> whereunto <3739> even baptism <908> doth <4982> <0> also <2532> now <3568> save <4982> (5719) us <2248> (not <3756> the putting away <595> of the filth <4509> of the flesh <4561>, but <235> the answer <1906> of a good <18> conscience <4893> toward <1519> God <2316>,) by <1223> the resurrection <386> of Jesus <2424> Christ <5547>:

Colossians 2:12 Buried with <4916> (5651) him <846> in <1722> baptism <908>, wherein <1722> <3739> also <2532> ye are risen with <4891> (5681) him through <1223> the faith <4102> of the operation <1753> of God <2316>, who <3588> hath raised <1453> (5660) him <846> from <1537> the dead <3498>.

907 βαπτίζω baptizo bap-tid ...8“-zo

from a derivative of 911; TDNT-1:529,92; verb

AV-baptize (76), wash 2, baptist 1, baptized + 2258 1; 80

1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)

2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe

3) to overwhelm

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Not to be confused with 911, bapto. The clearest example that shows

the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptized' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptizing the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. e.g. #Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptized shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle! (Bible Study Magazine, James Montgomery Boice, May 1989).

Matt 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

Matt 3:14 But <1161> John <2491> forbad <1254> (5707) him, saying <3004> (5723), I <1473> have <2192> (5719) need <5532> to be baptized <907> (5683) of <5259> thee <4675>, and <2532> comest <2064> (5736) thou <4771> to <4314> me <3165>?

Matt 3:16 And <2532> Jesus <2424>, when he was baptized <907> (5685), went up <305> (5627) straightway <2117> out of <575> the water <5204>: and <2532>, lo <2400> (5628), the heavens <3772> were opened <455> (5681) unto him <846>, and <2532> he saw <1492> (5627) the Spirit <4151> of God <2316> descending <2597> (5723) like <5616> a dove <4058>, and <2532> lighting <2064> (5740) upon <1909> him <846>:

Matthew 20:22 But <1161> Jesus <2424> answered <611> (5679) and said <2036> (5627), Ye know <1492> (5758) not <3756> what <5101> ye ask <154> (5731). Are ye able <1410> (5736) to drink <4095> (5629) of the cup <4221> that <3739> I <1473> shall <3195> (5719) drink of <4095> (5721), and <2532> to be baptized <907> (5743) with the baptism <908> that <3739> I <1473> am baptized with <907> (5683)? They say <3004> (5719) unto him <846>, We are able <1410> (5736).

The Greek word used only once the word definition 4150 πλυνω pluno ploo ›8“›-no a prolonged form of an obsolete pluo (to “flow”); ; v

Authorized Version-wash 1; 1

1) to wash: with reference to clothing

1a) use figuratively of those who by faith so appropriate the results of Christ's expiation as to be regarded by God as pure and sinless

Immersing in water "Baptizing"

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, immersing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

How much water is needed to be applied to the body of a sinner in obeying the command of Christ to be immersed or as transliterated "Baptized?" (Acts 2:38) How much water do you know for certain is needed to put the sinner in contact with the blood of Christ and in doing so contact the resurrection and the blood of Christ will father to life, beget again to life, give rebirth or make the spirit of the sinner as a metaphor "whiter than snow?"

Let us reason scripture to understand the mode of the scriptural washing God commands us to do to remove our sins and make our spiritual clothing whiter than snow. We reason the perfection needed to wash our dirty clothes by sprinkling water on dirty clothes will not make our dirty clothes clean. Sprinkling a little water on clothes will not get dirty clothes clean. Compare immersing dirty clothes in much water to sprinkling a little water on them. . When Jesus was immersed in water he is recorded to go down into the water and then he had to come up out of the water.

The eunuch obeyed God when he told by Philip what he needed to do to obey God. Then the eunuch said to Philip” here is “much water” what hinders me to be immersed. Acts 8:36 ***And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is much water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?*** The records say the eunuch and Philip both went down into the water and then they came up out of the water.

***38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he immersed him.***

***39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.***

Let us reason the command to be immersed in water is only a figurative act of washing in water, how could sprinkling a little water be a figure of washing anything?

Paul wrote that our immersion (transliterated “Baptism”) in water is a burial in water or he wrote a burial like planting a seed. You do not plant a seed by sprinkling a little water on it.

Romans chapter 6 verses 3 ***Know ye not, that so many of us as were immersed into Jesus Christ were immersed into his death?***

4 ***Therefore we are buried with him by immersion into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

5 ***For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:***

The same way we cannot wash our sins away by sprinkling water on us. We have to be buried into water the same way our Savior Jesus was buried in water. He is the example for us, He showed us the correct way to be immersed or baptized or as the apostle Paul wrote we are (“buried”) and we have to follow the example set by Y’esus. There is no other way to obey God written in the entire Bible that to obey the command to be immersed or buried in water.

If you want to be complete in Christ then hear the words of the apostle Paul.

Colossians chapter 2 verses 11 ***In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:***

***12 Buried with him in immersion, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.***

***13 ¶ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;***