



WHY BAPTISM?

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20

WHAT IT IS

1. The Word

Bapto = (used ____ x's in NT) to ____, to dip into, to ____

Baptize = (used majority of time in NT) to ____ completely, to ____

2. The History

- Before John the Baptist –
- With John the Baptist -

3. The Meaning

and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, - Philippians 3:9

to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. - Colossians 1:27

When a person is baptized they are saying,

“I have _____”

“I have _____ to my old self”

“I have been _____”

“I have been made _____”

WHY WE DO IT

1. We don't do it for _____

Example = thief on the cross – Luke 23:42-43

2. We do it out of _____

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3. We do it to identify

- With _____
- With _____



WHY COMMUNION?

WHAT IT IS

1. The Titles

- **Communion = *koinonia*** – _____, **connection, or** _____
Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? - 1 Cor 10:16
- **Eucharist = from *eucharisteo*** – **to give** _____
And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;" - Luke 22:17
- **Lord's Supper = from 1 Corinthians 11:20**
Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper - 1 Cor 11:20

2. The History

And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" - Luke 22:15

Jesus transformed the _____ Passover ceremony into a _____ ceremony.

3. The Meaning

And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood." - Luke 22:19-20

"body" = in the Jewish mind stood for a person's _____

"blood" = 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood ...' Leviticus 17:11

And according to the Law, *one may* almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
Hebrews 9:22

WHY WE DO IT

1. As A _____

- Of what He has _____

“... in remembrance of Me. ... in remembrance of Me.” 1 Cor 11:23-25

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

“God treated Jesus on the cross as if He lived your life so that He could treat you as if you had lived His life.” – John MacArthur

- Of what He is _____

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. - 1 Cor 11:26

2. As A _____ Of Our _____

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." - 1 Cor 11:24

3. As A _____

- Reflecting On Where Your Heart Is With _____

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. - 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

- Reflecting On Where Your Heart Is With _____

“Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.” - Matthew 5:23-24



WHY CHURCH?

***The difference between being a church attender and a church participant is _____.**

COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR REGULAR AND CONSISTENT _____

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16

COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR REAL _____

“fellowship” – *koinōnia* = communion, _____, _____

1. True Fellowship Builds Strong _____

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. - Romans 12:10(NIV)

“honor” - *tim`e* = _____, esteem

2. True Fellowship Develops Sincere _____

- **Sincere love within the context of the church is our greatest _____ to the world**

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:35

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. - 1 John 4:11-12

COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR NECESSARY _____

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷ "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. - Matthew 18:15-17

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. - Galatians 6:1-3

COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR VITAL

1. Through _____

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And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; - Ephesians 4:11-12

2. Through _____

As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. - 1 Peter 4:10

3. Through _____

4. Through _____

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. - Hebrews 10:24-25



WHY EVANGELIZE?

THERE'S A _____

1. People Can't _____ Themselves

as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; - Rom 3:10

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, - Hebrews 9:27

- There Is _____ Salvation

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." - Acts 4:12

IT'S A _____

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin {to be} sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. - 2 Cor 5:20-21

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_____ IS RUNNING OUT

And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. ⁶"Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He!*' and will mislead many. ⁷"When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; *those things* must take place; but *that is* not yet the end. ⁸"For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will *also* be famines. These things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs. - Mark 13:5-8

HEAVEN WANTS TO _____

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."
- Luke 15:7

"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10

'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was* lost and has been found.' - Luke 15:32

Hindrances To Evangelism

1. _____

2. _____

3. **A Tarnished** _____

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34-35

For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. - 1 Pet 2:15

