

**Reflection Questions:** Am I currently bearing fruit for Jesus? What is it? Have I been baptized as a believer? If not, why not? Am I in the process of making disciples? Who am I helping mature in Christ?

How can we pray for each other and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*We may never be martyrs but we can die to self, to sin, to the world, to our plans and ambitions. That is the significance of baptism; we died with Christ and rose to new life.*

Vance Havner

*Indeed, baptism is a vow, a sacred vow of the believer to follow Christ. Just as a wedding celebrates the fusion of two hearts, baptism celebrates the union of sinner with Savior.*

Max Lucado

*Our justification from sins takes place at the point of saving faith, not at the point of water baptism, which usually occurs later. But if a person is already justified and has sins forgiven eternally at the point of saving faith, then baptism is not necessary for forgiveness of sins nor for the bestowal of new spiritual life. Baptism, then, is not necessary for salvation. But it is necessary if we are to be obedient to Christ, for He commanded baptism for all who believe in Him..*

Wayne Grudem

*We ought to regard the sacrament of baptism with reverence. An ordinance of which the Lord Jesus Himself partook, is not to be lightly esteemed. An ordinance to which the great Head of the Church submitted, ought to be ever honorable in the eyes of professing Christians.*

J. C. Ryle

*Christians should view the ordinance of baptism with the utmost seriousness. This means that no one who professes faith in Christ should remain unbaptized. Baptism portrays a believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus personally submitted to the baptism of John before beginning to baptize people Himself. While baptism plays no part in one's personal salvation, it is a non-optional act of obedience to Christ (Matthew 28:19).*

John MacArthur

*Baptism is not a "hoop" to be jumped through but a command to be obeyed.*

Bill Mounce



Jewel of Baptism

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## Sermon Notes

### 1. Union

### 2. Repentance

### 3. Resurrection

### 4. Rebirth

### 5. Proclamation

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What do the following verses teach us about baptism?

*Matthew 28:19* —

*Acts 18:8* —

*Mark 1:9-11* —

*Romans 6:3-5* —

*Acts 2:37-41* —

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4* —

*Acts 8:12* —

*Galatians 3:27* —

*Acts 8:35-38* —

*Colossians 2:12* —

*Acts 10:47-48* —

3. Who does Jesus command to be baptized in *Matthew 28:19*?

4. Why should Christians be baptized? Is there any reason why a Christian wouldn't be baptized?

5. John wouldn't baptize those who didn't *bear fruit in keeping with re-*

*pentance (Matthew 3:8)*. What does this mean?

6. What does believer's baptism symbolize?

7. Does baptism save? Explain.

Some teach that baptism is necessary for salvation. Is this a serious heresy? Why or why not?

8. Why is baptism done publicly instead of in private?

9. Should a person who was baptized as an infant be re-baptized when he comes to faith in Jesus? Explain.

10. Should believers' baptism be a requirement for church membership? Why or why not?

11. How soon should one be baptized after their conversion?

What factors might warrant holding off on baptism for a time?

12. Should baptisms be a time of rejoicing and praise to God? Explain.