



# Secrets to Hope & Happiness Bible Study Series

## Making a New Start - 13

### **(1) WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC ACT OF BAPTISM SYMBOLIZE?**

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*Romans 6:4*

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*Acts 22:16*

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*Galatians 3:27*

It is a Biblical ordinance commemorating the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and likewise our death and burial of self and resurrection into a new life lead by Christ (Colossians 2:12). Like Christ's public demonstration of His love for us by dying on the cross, baptism is our public commitment to die to self and live for Him.

### **(2) AFTER THEIR BELIEF AND CONVERSION, HOW DID THE JAILER AND HIS FAMILY DEMONSTRATE THEIR LOVE AND COMMITMENT TO CHRIST?**

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*Acts 16:33 (also see 30-32)*

### **(3) WHAT DID THE BAPTIZED FOLLOWERS IN EPHESUS DO AFTER DISCOVERING NEW AND IMPORTANT TRUTH?**

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*Acts 19:5 (also read 1-4)*

For believer's who have been baptized in a non-biblical method, have strayed from Christ, or like the followers in Ephesus, have learned new spiritual truths rebaptism is also biblically appropriate.

### **(4) HOW DOES PETER DESCRIBE THE ACT OF BAPTISM?**

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*1 Peter 3:21*

The actual act of baptism will not change us but is a manifestation of the changes we are allowing Christ to do in our lives.

### **(5) HOW MANY TYPES OF BAPTISM DOES THE BIBLE TEACH?**

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*Ephesians 4:5 (also see 4-6)*

Just like there is only one true Lord and one true faith, there is on one Biblical method of baptism. Only full immersion in water accurately depicts what baptism symbolizes--the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:4).

**(6) IN MATTHEW THREE, WHAT DID CHRIST THE “LAMB OF GOD” DO AS OUR EXAMPLE (1 PETER 2:21) AND TO FULFILL RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE? (VS 16)**

**FROM WHAT MEDIUM DID CHRIST EMERGE DEMONSTRATING THE ONE BIBLICAL METHOD? (VS 16; ALSO SEE ACTS 8:39)**

**(7) WHAT LOGICAL STEPS OF PREPARATION SHOULD PRECEDE BAPTISM?**

*Acts 8:37 (also see 36-39)*

*Matthew 28:20 (also see 19)*

*Acts 2:38*

*I realize that the act of baptism does not literally clean me but is a symbol of cleansing from sin and a beautiful expression of my love for Jesus in accepting the undeserved gift of salvation He offers.*

Circle One:    Yes    Undecided

*I see how it commemorates the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and likewise my death and*

*Romans 6:4 (also see 5-6)*

**(8) ACCORDING TO JESUS, WHAT MUST ACCOMPANY OUR BELIEF IN HIM IN ORDER TO HAVE SALVATION?**

*Mark 16:16 (also see John 3:5)*

**(9) WHEN WE ARE BAPTIZED, OF WHAT DO WE BECOME A MEMBER?**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (also read 14-28; Acts 2:42)*

Just as a branch not connected to the vine will shrivel and die, so members not connected to the spiritual body of Christ (His church) will grow spiritually weak and die. God does not leave us as spiritual orphans but rather to be a part of Christ's church to be nurtured and supported by others.

**(10) WHAT SPECIAL GIFT DOES GOD PROMISE TO IMPART TO US AND OUR CHILDREN IF WE CONSECRATE OURSELVES IN BAPTISM TO HIM?**

*Acts 2:38-39*

*burial of self and resurrection into my new life lead by Him.*

Circle One:    Yes    Undecided

*It is my hearts desire to follow Christ's example of baptism by immersion and publicly proclaim my unreserved love and commitment to Him as Lord of my life.*

Circle One:    Yes    Undecided

**OTHER RELEVANT TEXTS:** Mark 1:4-9; 11:30; 1 Corinthians 15:29; Acts 1:5, 22; 22:16; 13:24; 8:12-16; 9:18; 10:47-48; 18:25; 11:16; Titus 3:5-6; John 1:25-33; 3:22-26; 4:1-2; Matthew 3:6, 11, 13-16; 21:25; Luke 3:12-16; 7:29-30; 12:50; Colossians 2:12; Ephesians 5:26