

Baptism: Going Beneath the Surface

Introduction

baptizo / baptisma 96x in the NT

Matthew 3:5-6
Jewish *mikvahs*

Matt 28:18-20
Acts 2:41; 8:36-38

The REAL baptism: Jesus on the cross (Mk 10:37-38; Lk12:50)

I. The Participants *WHO—Babies or Believers?*

paedobaptism

II. The Process *HOW—Sprinkling or Immersion?*

3 points in support of immersion as the biblical mode of baptism

1. The meaning of *bapto* (“to dip in a liquid”) *baptizo* (“to plunge, dip”)
2. The descriptions of baptisms in Scripture (John 3:23; Acts 8:38-39)
3. The picture of baptism (Rom 6:3-5)

III. The Purpose *WHY—Salvation or a Sign?*

Not for salvation

Acts 10:36-48 (order of events) Acts 16:30-34

4 reasons to be baptized as a believer

1. It’s a command (Matt 28:18-20)
2. It’s a commemoration (Rom 6:3-4)
3. It’s a confession (1 Pet 3:21)
4. It’s a commitment (Rom 6:4)

