

The Ordinance of Baptism Selected Scriptures

In a recent sermon, Pastor Ken spoke on the ordinance of communion and the part it plays to help us remember our Lord and how He willingly gave Himself on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Today we will look at the ordinance of baptism. In contrast to communion which we observe regularly, baptism is typically done only once, and yet it is vital to our faith. It is an important step of obedience and the way we publicly declare that we have responded to God's gracious call to salvation and eternal life through Christ.

Our approach today will be to take a panoramic flyover of baptism in the New Testament. We will begin with the ministry of John the Baptist, which included a call to repentance, followed by baptism. We will also look at the baptism of Jesus Himself, and see how it differed from our baptism. We will then look at baptism in the Great Commission, followed by how the first century church obeyed our Lord's command with regard to baptism.

1. The baptism practiced by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:5-6)

2. The baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)

3. Baptism in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

4. Baptism in the first century church

- **Baptisms on the Day of Pentecost
(Acts 2:37-41)**

- **The baptism of Saul of Tarsus**
(Acts 9:10-19)

- **Baptisms in the church in Philippi**
(Acts 16:14-15; 3-34)

- **The baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch**
(Acts 8:26-38)

5. How does the ordinance of baptism apply to us today?
(Romans 10:9-10)