

WATER BAPTISM

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INTRO:

People hold different views and have different attitudes about water baptism: infant baptism, which is unscriptural (**Acts 8:35-40**); unnecessary for salvation (The Thief). True, but he wasn't able; commanded by our Lord and an ordinance of the church (**Acts 2:37-38**).

JESUS, OUR MODEL – MT. 3:13-17

To Jesus, water baptism was an act of righteousness that pleased the Father. It was the first act of His public ministry, and the last thing He commanded His disciples to do, (**MT.28:18-20**).

ACT OF HUMILITY

Remember how Naaman refused to humble himself by dipping in the Jordan River seven times? Jesus walked 30 miles from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John (**MK. 1:9-11**). Is there any reason why we should delay getting baptized? Also, notice how Jesus came out of the water.

PAST, PRESENT, FURUTRE - ROM. 6

VS 3 - Deals with our past. Going under the water signifies our death. We were buried with Christ and the one grieving our death is Satan!

VS 4 - Deals with the present, now we walk in the newness of life (**Gal. 2-20**).

VS 5 - Deals with our future. The resurrection refers to our glorified body.

CONCLUSION: Water Baptism proclaims our identification with Christ. We publicly proclaim we belong to Him and are married to Him. It is like wearing a wedding ring. Now, we live our lives to serve and please Him.