

# WATER BAPTISM

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### 1 COR. 15:3-4 NLT

- Paul reveals the Gospel message. Jesus identified with a lost, sinful race by taking our place, dying our death, suffering our wrath, and paying our sin debt. The penalty and punishment for sin all fell upon Him.

### MT. 28:19-20 NLT

- Make disciples (disciplined students), not members. “Teach them to observe what I’ve taught you!”
- Water Baptism was the outward act that sealed their decision to accept Christ and submit to discipleship training.

### ACTS 2:38

- Repent means to turn from evil and rebellion, be baptized, and receive the Spirit. The pattern: believe, repent, be baptized and become a disciple.

### Infants MK. 10:13-16 NLT

- Can’t meet the requirements for baptism. They can’t believe, repent, or submit to discipleship training. It’s proper to present them to God by having a dedication service. Jesus didn’t baptize, He blessed them.

### Patterns in Acts

- **2:41** They gladly received the Word; **8:12** They believed Philip’s preaching; **8:35-38** The Eunuch believed with all his heart; **9:18 NLT** Saul was immediately baptized; **10:48** Cornelius’ house; **16:30-33 NLT** The jail keeper; **19:4-6** The pattern was to baptize immediately.
- No infant can possibly meet the requirements for water baptism.

### Identification ROM. 6:3-12 NLT

- Water Baptism identifies us with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We died with Him, were buried with Him and were raised with Him, **COL. 2:12-14 NLT**
- Now, our focus is found in **COL. 3:1-4 NLT**

**CONCLUSION:** Water Baptism involves believing the Gospel, repenting, being baptized and submitting to discipleship training. **GAL. 2:20**