

The Joy of Baptism

Introduction

1. The Background of Baptism

2. The Thread of Baptism in the Bible

3. Questions to Consider

a. Do I have to be baptized to be a Christian?

b. Is it really that important?

c. Why should I care that anyone else is baptized?

Digging Deeper

This week's passages:

Monday: Matthew 3

Tuesday: Romans 6

Wednesday: Acts 2

Thursday: Acts 8

Friday: Acts 10

Weekend: Review the most meaningful passage of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of comments about joy within the community of Christ followers. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. **Read** the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. **Record** or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. **Reflect** and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. **Respond** by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word ("*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*" James 1.22).