

For The Church || Week 3 || November 15, 2020

Have you been baptized? If so, when? If you participated in believer's baptism, what was the effect of the baptism on your Christian life?

Read **Romans 6:1-4** and discuss the following.

How does Paul describe baptism? What does this physical symbol reflect?

Why does Paul remind believers of their union with Christ? What past event does he use for illustration?

Read **Romans 6:5-11** and discuss the following.

How is baptism both a confession of one's sins and a profession of one's faith in Christ?

Besides his letter to the saints in Rome, Paul also writes other churches concerning baptism (*see Galatians 3:26-27 and Colossians 2:11-12*). What role does a local church play in an individual's baptism? That is, how is baptism *both* an act of the church *and* an act of a believer?

Read the following passages and discuss: **Acts 2:37-41; 8:12-13; 9:17-18; 10:47-48; 16:25-32; 18:8; 19:3-5.**

What do these passages of Scripture have in common?

According to these passages, what is necessary for baptism?

Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and **Mark 16:15-16** before discussing the following.

List out all of the commands Jesus gives His disciples in these verses.

Did anything on this list catch your attention? What most stands out to you?

Jesus was baptized before beginning His public ministry (*see Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22*). What implications can we as believers draw from this?

"If baptism is non-salvific, why should I be baptized?" How would you respond?

How can baptism be an effective help to evangelism in our church? Explain.

How have the above passages and discussion enhanced your understanding of baptism?