

# Simple Church Series Part 10

Getting Off to the Right Start **BAPTISM Acts 8 [NKJV]**

The way you finish many times depends on how you **START!** Baptism is Important!

Infant Baptism is good that parents were concerned but that does not count as **Believers Baptism.**

All Bible baptisms were **Believer's Baptisms.** There are **NO** recorded infant baptisms in the Bible.

Those who [1] **believed** what Peter said [2] **were baptized** & added to the church that day.... Acts 2:41

<sup>34</sup> So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."<sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:34-39

## Two mistakes about Baptism

1. Since Baptism doesn't save us it is not that important!
2. If you don't get baptized you can't go to heaven!

**WRONG!**

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While Baptism is NOT part of Salvation it is important & necessary for **obedience** and **spiritual growth!**

Jesus began His public ministry and ended it with **BAPTISM**

**Let's see what the Bible says about Baptism....**(not denominational preferences)

**1. BIBLICAL METHOD OF BAPTISM** *And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning.* Acts 8:27-28

> Ethiopia 2000 miles from Jerusalem

> "baptize" = "baptidzō" = **immerse or plunge**

> And both Philip and the eunuch **went down into the water**, and he baptized him.

> John baptized Him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus **came up out of the water...** Mark 1:9, 10

> At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was **plenty of water there;** and people kept coming to him for baptism. John 3:23

> Two other words in Greek not used "sprinkle" = "rhantidzō" "pour" = "louō"

> Translation of KJV [1611] of the Bible "baptism" is not translated it was transliterated

> All early first millennial churches had **deep** baptismal pools

The Method of Baptism is **IMPORTANT** because it is connect to.....

**BIBLICAL MEANING OF BAPTISM** *Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death? <sup>4</sup> For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. <sup>5</sup> Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was.* Romans 6:2-5

## Our Baptism is our “autobiography”      Our      Past      Present      Future

>**Past**      Baptism pictures our old person that died      *we joined Him in His death*      I died with Him  
Put under water      *buried with Christ by baptism*      Dead and buried

>**Present**      Baptism pictures our new person that rose      *And just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*      Romans 6:4

Up out of the water      Up out of the grave as a **NEW LIFE!**

>**Future**      Baptism pictures our eternal life      *Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will  
also be raised to life as He was.*      Romans 6:5

Grave could not hold Jesus and won't hold me either

Up out of the grave

## BIBLICAL MOTIVE OF BAPTISM      *buried with Christ by baptism*

- It Proclaims Your Commitment to Christ
- It Portrays Your Conversion to Christ
- It Fulfills Your Obedience to Christ's **Command**

Matthew 28:19, 20      Great commission      *whatsoever I have commanded you*

Acts 10:46ff-48      *Then Peter asked, “Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have  
received the Holy Spirit just as we did?” So he gave orders for them to be baptized.*

## When we obey His commands      It brings JOY and FRUITFULNESS

**Ethiopian government official**      *went on his way rejoicing*      Acts 8:39

**Philippian jailor & family**      *immediately baptized .....entire household rejoiced*      Acts 16:33-34