

# Believer's Baptism

## Lesson 11

### Memorize –

- ✓ Matthew 28:19 & 20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” (John 14:15). The Great Commission given by the resurrected Savior is a command to make disciples and baptize them. It is every Christian’s duty to follow Christ in obedience to this command. The Book of Acts gives evidence of how the early Christians understood and followed Christ’s instruction to mark converts by their submitting to baptism.

Sometimes referred to as a sacrament (a visible sign of an invisible grace) or an ordinance (a command to be practiced and perpetuated by the church until Christ returns), baptism serves as a witness of the believer’s faith in Christ and union with Him.

## I. Baptism During Jesus’ Earthly Ministry

- A.** As Christ went about teaching and healing, many believed and followed Him. According to John 3:22, what else was Jesus doing?  
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## II. Christ Commanding Baptism

In Matthew 28:19 & 20 Jesus commissioned the eleven to carry out the task for which they were called and trained, that is, to make disciples by preaching the good news (Mark 16:15).

- A.** In what way does Matthew 28:18 emphasize the command of verses 19 & 20?  
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- B.** The main verb of Matthew 28:19 & 20 is “make disciples”. In the Greek, 3 participles accompany the command to make disciples: going, baptizing, and teaching.

1. According to verse 20, what was to be taught?

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2. According to verse 20, what were disciples taught to do?

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### III. Baptism in the Early Church

- A.** On the Day of Pentecost, what was Peter charging his listeners to do (Acts 2:38)?

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- B.** What was the first thing Paul did following his extraordinary conversion (Acts 9:18)?

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- C.** When God opened the heart of Lydia to the Word preached, what was her immediate response (Acts 16:14 & 15)?

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- D.** What did the Philippian jailer do on the very night he believed (Acts 16:29-33)?

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***Though the Apostle Paul faithfully baptized those who believed, yet he clearly states that Christ did not send him to baptize. What is it that Paul declares as his priority and calling from Christ (I Cor. 1:17)?***

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#### **IV. Baptism as Identification with Christ**

Romans 6:3 & 4 declares that the believer is baptized into Christ. This baptism is rightly called spirit baptism (cp. I Cor. 12:13). Water baptism is a picture of what has happened in spirit baptism – spiritually immersing the believer into identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

In what basic way does water baptism picture the truth of spirit baptism stated in Romans 6:4?

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