

We Believe in Water Baptism

IDENTITY Series- Week 4

Water Baptism: *“The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life.”*

-Truth #6 from the Assemblies of God *Statement of Fundamental Truths*

Question #1: What is Water Baptism?

- It is the immersion of a believer in Christ into water
 - It symbolizes the believer’s joining to Christ in His death and resurrection.
 - It symbolizes the believer’s new life because of this joining to Christ.
 - Immersion... NOT sprinkling or pouring water

Matthew 3:16
- It is not what saves us.
 - It is a declaration that comes along with being saved.
 - It must be a genuine and sincere expression of the inner transformation that has taken place.

Acts 10:47-48a
- It should be a natural, joyful and immediate desire.

Acts 8:34-39

Question #2: Why is Water Baptism Important?

- Because Jesus Instituted it.

Matthew 28:18-20

- Because it is an outward display of an inward reality.

Romans 6:1-14, 1 Peter 3:21, Colossians 2:9-12

- Because it is an act of obedience.

Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, Luke 6:46

- Because it identifies you as a part of the family of God- the Church.

Ephesians 4:4-6, Acts 2:37-41, Galatians 3:26-28

Question #3: Who should be baptized in water?

- Anyone who has repented and placed faith in Jesus for salvation.
- Babies should not be baptized.
- Those who are rededicating themselves to Jesus.