Baptized as Believer

Baptism is an act that soon follows salvation, symbolically testifying that you have died to the old life of sins and have been raised into new life through faith in Jesus Christ

Jesus gave us an example to follow

We know that Jesus is God (the Living Expression) who came to live amongst us (John 1:14) to speak to us about who God the Father is, what we should do and how to live in a way pleasing to God. He also came to die for us in order to take God's full punishment for sin. He only could do this as both God and Man. He took on the likeness of sinful flesh – He was born and lived like us. To show us that He really was one of us He asked John to baptize Him.

Baptism is a symbolic action to show that "you are one of them".

Jesus Gave us a Simple Task

Go (everywhere), make <u>disciples</u>, <u>baptize</u> them, <u>teach</u> them ...

These four points mean: make plans and send out teams, make converts out of the unbelievers, <u>let them testify to the change in their life</u> and tell them what it is to be a Christian.

As Symbol it has Great Meaning

Baptism speaks of **dying**, **burial** and **raising** – the total being a safe way of "getting though" as pictured in Noah's ark or the Israelites' Red sea passage with Moses. The person who has become a Christian has died to the old life of sins at **repentance**, is buried with Christ in **baptism** so that he can start (be raised) or walk in a new life.

The Holy Spirt renews your life

2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold all things have become new."

It's an action based on real facts

Baptism is an **act of obedience**, based on the work that you believe God has done in your life. You accept your salvation and the new life in God has given to you **by faith**. To you this is a fact that needs no further evidence. You simply believe God. You are ready to make a public testimony that all things have become new in your life. Acts 22:16 reads: "And now what are you waiting for? Get up! Be baptised."

Baptism is the first step of obedience, and a public testimony

Jesus Christ is the eternal Message, the creative Word, and the Living Expression of God made visible. He is the divine self-expression of all that God is, contains and reveals in incarnated flesh. John 1:1 – TPT

Jesus' baptism Matthew 3:13-17

Baptise = to dip or to immerse into.

Greek <u>baptizó;</u> (baptid'-zo) Strong's G907

Testify = be a witness Matthew 28:19

Read: 1 Peter 3:20,21 and 1 Cor 10:2, Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:11

To be a Christian is to have Christ living in you (by the Spirit)

Creation =

being brought into existence – the new life in you did not exist within you before.

To **Identify** = to take on a group's identity as your own.

Memorize: I have been [will be] buried with Him in baptism, in which I also was [will be] raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12)

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you that I can identify with you.

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