

I Know What to do Now

PART 1

The first thing that we are to do after we become believers is to be baptized. There are many places in the bible where people became believers and were immediately baptized. Acts 8:12 says ‘When they BELIEVED Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.’ A couple of other places we see this are Acts 8:36-38, and Acts 19:4-5.

So, what is baptism? The Greek is BAPTIZO: to make whelmed. dip. Whelmed, according to Merriam-Webster’s dictionary is “to overcome or engulf completely: overwhelm.” So we see that baptism is to be immersed in water.

There are two main reasons that we are baptized:

1. Romans 6:3&4 _____

This is a symbol of our dying to sin and being raised to a new life.

2. Acts 2:38 _____

There is that word again. “REPENT.’ Baptism is evidence of our repentance, it is a desire to be obedient to our new Lord. Jesus Christ. 1Peter 3:21 is an excellent verse to clarify this point “baptism now saves you - not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience - through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” This means that being sprinkled or dunked into a body of water does not save us, but our attitude of submission to God and our faith in Jesus Christ does.

Part 2

The last part of this study goes on from the point of baptism, Acts 2:41-42 says “Those who gladly received his word were baptized,.. and they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

1. Fellowship: (Greek, *Koinonia*) Partnership, participation, pecuniary benefaction (monetary giving), working together.
2. Breaking of bread: Sharing of meals as well as “taking communion” this is another way we as Believers identify with the death of Christ.
3. Prayer: This is the way we speak to God (See Supplemental Lesson on Prayer)
4. The apostles’ doctrine:
 - a. The preaching of the gospel; Acts 2:4-11
 - b. Living in a Godly manor; Ephesians 4&5, Romans 12:1-2
 - c. Some other passages you may want to read are Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Peter 1:5-11, Romans 6-8