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The Meaning of Water Baptism

What does water baptism mean, and how does it relate to the salvation of any person?

1. Baptism is commanded by Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:18-20

2. False ideas regarding going to heaven

3. The truth as taught in the Bible

Acknowledge that we are sinners

Believe the penalty for sin is death.

Believe the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Concluding Statements

1. Water baptism for believers is commanded by Jesus Christ in the Great Commission.
2. Water baptism is a picture of the believer's identification with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.
3. Water baptism is an outward symbol of an inward change that has already taken place.
4. Water baptism does not convey any grace to the believer.
5. Water baptism is a meaningless ritual for those who have never trusted Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
6. In order to be saved, a person must place his/her complete confidence in the person and work of Jesus Christ (on the cross at Calvary) as being the only (no other way) and fully sufficient (His sacrifice on the cross paid the complete price) remedy for salvation.

Questions for Discussion

1. How might you use the subject of baptism to present the message of salvation to a non-believer? Explain what it means to be baptized.
2. What did your water baptism mean to you?
3. If you have not been baptized, what would prevent you from taking that step of obedience now?