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WHY BE BAPTIZED

(Luke 24:44-51)

1. IT'S A COMMAND TO BE OBEYED

(Matthew 28:18-20) "**All authority** ... make disciples ... baptizing them ... "
Command / commandment - to enjoin upon; to charge with; to put upon one as a duty.
(Acts 2:37-38) "What shall we do? ... repent and be baptized ... **in the name of Jesus** ... "
(Acts 10:48) "and he commanded them to be baptized **in the name of the Lord**"

2. IT'S AN ACTION, FORM, TIED TO THE GOSPEL, THE CROSS

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4) "**the gospel** which I preached ... Christ **died** for our sins ... He was **buried** ... He **rose** again the third day according to the Scriptures"
(Romans 6:3-5) "Therefore **we were buried with Him through baptism** ... newness of life we have been **united together** ... "
(v17) "yet **you obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine ... delivered"
(v18) "And having **been set free from sin** ... "

3. IT'S A CONNECTION TO SALVATION, THE GOSPEL AND THE CROSS

(1 Corinthians 15:1-2) "**the gospel** which I preached ... by which also you are **saved** ... "
(Acts 2:37-41) "**this Jesus**, whom you crucified ... **What shall we do** ... repent, and let every one of you **be baptized** ... (v40-41) **Be saved** from this perverse generation.
Then those who gladly received his word **were baptized** ... "
(v47) "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being **saved**."
(1 Peter 3:21) "The like figure whereunto **even baptism** does also now **save us** ... by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

4. IT'S THE "ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD" (1 Peter 3:21)

A "good conscience" comes from knowing to be baptized and then doing it.

5. IT'S AN ACTION TO RECEIVE "REMISSION OF SINS"

(Acts 2:38) "... **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins** ... "
"Remission" - to release from; a dismissal; to send away; forgiveness.
Baptism takes us back to the gospel and the cross - (Matthew 26:27-28) "took the cup ... this is **My blood** of the new covenant, which **is shed** for many **for the remission of sins**"
(Hebrews 9:26) "... to **put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself."

6. IT'S A PREREQUISITE TO RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Acts 2:38) concludes "... and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**."
(Acts 5:32) "... so also is the Holy Spirit whom **God has given to those who obey Him**"

7. IT'S THE BIRTH OF A CHRISTIAN

(John 3:3-7; Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 1:22-23)

8. IT PUTS US INTO CHRIST (Galatians 3:26-27)

9. IT PUTS US INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST (CHURCH) (1 Cor. 12:13-14)