

SERMON NOTES

Date: April 30, 2017

Title: Water Baptism in Christian Discipleship

Texts: Selected Scriptures

Big Idea: Water baptism is an important symbol of a believer's union with Christ.

The Meaning of Water Baptism

1. Illustrates our need to repent and be cleansed from sin.
2. Expresses our identification with Jesus.

The Importance of Water Baptism

1. It's our command to obey.
2. It's our mission to fulfill.

The Practice of Water Baptism

1. Do we baptize infants?
2. Do we baptize children who believe the gospel?
3. Should you take the Lord's Table if you haven't been baptized?

STUDY GUIDE

For the Week of April 30, 2017
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

What does water baptism symbolize in the life of a believer? _____

Why should only a believer be baptized? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Water baptism is an outward symbol of an inner spiritual reality. It illustrates our death with Christ and resurrection to new life. Do you think of your Christian walk in these terms? Do you see yourself fully immersed in Christ and raised with him, or just partially? _____

What difference should your spiritual baptism in Christ make in your practical daily life (1 John 1:7)? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Why does the mode of baptism matter? For example, what difference does it make whether a person is sprinkled or immersed? _____

How would you respond to the idea that baptism saves or is necessary for salvation (cf. Mark 16:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

If you've not been baptized, prayerfully consider taking the next steps in your obedience to Christ. If you have, write out what your baptism means to you. _____
