

Baptism carries these meanings because, first and fundamentally, it signifies union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6:3-7, Colossians 2:11-12

- ◆ This union with Christ is the source of every element in our salvation - I John 5:11-12.
- ◆ Receiving the sign in faith assures the one baptized that God's gift of new life in Christ is freely given to them.
- ◆ Receiving the sign in faith commits the one baptized to live in a new way as a committed disciple of Jesus Christ.

# Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

**The Biblical mandate for water baptism: Matt.  
28:18-20**

- ❖ v. 19 “baptizing” - a participle which is governed, in the Greek, by the main verb ‘make’ in the imperative verb phrase ‘Go ...and make...’
- ❖ The initial identifying mark of a disciple is water baptism

**The Biblical meanings of water baptism, literally:**

- ❖ Bapto - dip (verb) never used of baptism in the New Testament.
  - ❖ Baptidzo - dip, submerge, or immerse.
- - - Metaphorical meaning - - -
- ❖ Greek classical literature
  - ❖ New Testament texts
    - A. I Cor. 10:1-2
    - B. Gal.3:27 - identification with Christ
    - C. Rom. 6:1-10

**What is the significance of the symbol?  
What is the significance of water baptism?**

**“It is a public testimony  
which on the one hand  
symbolizes the identification  
of the individual with the  
person and work of Christ and,  
thus, his purification from sin,  
and on the other hand,  
signifies that individual’s  
identification with the people  
and the message of God in the  
Church.”**

# **Biblical Texts and Definitions**

◆ **A sign from God that signifies:**

- 1. Inward cleansing and remission of sins. Acts 22:16, I Cor.6:11, Eph. 5:25-27**
- 2. Spirit wrought regeneration and new life.  
Titus 3:5**
- 3. The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit as God's seal testifying and guaranteeing that one will be kept safe in Christ forever.  
I Cor. 12:13, Eph. 1:13-14**

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## The Background:

### The Message of John the Baptist Matt.3:13-17

- ▶ A warning
- ▶ A demand
- ▶ A promise

## The Baptism of John

- ▶ A sign
- ▶ A repentance
- ▶ A looking forward

## Jesus' Baptism

- ▶ God's will
- ▶ Fulfillment
- ▶ The promised Servant and the Son

## Introductory texts

- ▶ Acts 2

Those were baptized who welcomed His Word

- ▶ Acts 22

A God given way of testifying to one's faith,  
but not a condition for salvation.