

Enquiring Minds #5

What is Baptism and Why Should I Do It?

Acts 2:37-41

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Sermon Sketch: Baptism is a drama enacted which symbolizes our total identification with Jesus: both His death and His resurrection.

- 1) Were you able to pursue fasting as a spiritual discipline in the past week? If so, what was your experience like? (EM 4 – Why Do We Fast and How Do We Do It? 2/26/23)
- 2) Can you remember when you first repented from your sins? What was the feeling of Godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10) like in your heart at the time?
- 3) Matthew 3:8 says, “Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.” (cf. Luke 3:8): what might repentant fruit look like in your life today?
- 4) How has repentance (Luke 19:8) led you to make amends?
- 5) How do the word pictures of dyeing cloth and tempering steel help you understand the meaning of baptism (Romans 6:1-14)?
- 6) Acts 2 clearly links repentance/baptism and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Reference was also made in the sermon to “living water” (Jeremiah 2:13, Jeremiah 17:13, John 4:10-11, John 7:38, Revelation 7:17). How have you experienced the Living Water of the Spirit in your life? How often do you make a request for a fresh filling of the Spirit in your life?

- 7) Have you ever been baptized as a believer? If not, might you consider being baptized this coming Sunday?
- 8) How are baptism and being a disciple (Matthew 28:18-20) related?



John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 3:16