



# OUTSIDE IN

## OUTSIDE-IN: ACTS

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:28: **baptism.**

Our key verse in our year-long study through Core 52 is from Acts 2

### **Acts 2:38**

<sup>38</sup>Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today we are going to talk about **Baptism.**

## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

The original word used throughout the NT when you read the word baptize or baptized is the greek word... **baptízō**, bap-tid'-zo; to immerse, submerge; to makewhelmed (i.e. fully wet).

So baptism is the act of being fully submerged in water.

### **Acts 2:38**

<sup>38</sup>Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized (*immersed, or submerged*) every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In Acts chapter 8 Philip is told by an angel to go to a certain place and there he meets a man from Ethiopia who is riding in a chariot and reading from the OT.

He starts with that very passage from the prophet Isaiah and tells the man about Jesus.

The man is convinced and before you know it Philip baptizes the man right there on the side of the road.

### **Acts 8:38**

<sup>38</sup>And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the *Ethiopian man* went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

They both went down into the water and the man was baptized (immersed or submerged).

The fact that they both went down into the water, and later if you keep reading... they came up out of the water... along with the meaning of **baptízō** is an indication that the Ethiopian man was immersed or submerged.

Which leads us to this question...

**WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?**

Back to Acts chapter 2...

Peter stands up and preaches about Jesus. He talks about Jesus death and the fact that God brought him back from the dead.

And not only does he talk about the fact that Jesus was crucified, he pins it on the people there.

Look at verse 36...

**Acts 2:36**

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### **Acts 2:37**

<sup>37</sup>When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

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### **Acts 2:41**

<sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They 'accepted his message' and were baptized.

Jesus said...

## **Mark 16:16**

<sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

## WHO SHOULD BE **BAPTIZED**?

Anyone who has put their faith in Jesus. Anyone who has believed in and accepted the message about Jesus.

## WHEN SHOULD SOMEONE BE **BAPTIZED**?

Acts 2.

**Acts 2:41**

<sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They were baptized that day. At the time of faith or conversion.

Throughout the story of the early church, when someone came to the point of faith they repented of their sins and were immediately baptized.

**In Acts 16**, Paul and Silas were put in jail because they had healed a slave girl who had demonic powers and that caused her owners to lose money.

The Bible says that about midnight there was an earthquake and the doors to the jail were opened. When the jailer, who was responsible for the prisoners saw that the jail was not secure he was about to take his own life.

Paul cries out to stop him because all of the prisoners were still there.

### **Acts 16:29-30**

<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

The jailer must have heard about these men and their message about Jesus. He was so overcome with awe at what had happened he asked, "what must I do to be saved?"

### **Acts 16:31-33**

<sup>31</sup>They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup>Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup>At that hour of the night the jailer took them and



washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

He believed, and that 'very same hour of the night' he was baptized.

The people Peter preached to were baptized that day. The jailer believed and was baptized in the middle of the night. The Ethiopian man stopped the chariot and went down into the water and was baptized.

WHEN SHOULD SOMEONE BE **BAPTIZED?**

**Immediately.**

Throughout the story of the early church, when someone came to the point of faith they repented of their sins and were **immediately** baptized.

WHAT HAPPENS AT **BAPTISM?**

Acts 2 says the result of repentance and baptism includes the **forgiveness of sins** and the **gift of the Holy Spirit**.

Paul says it this way...

### **Colossians 2:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

But there are other promises of God that come true at baptism...

### **Romans 6:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in

order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

We die are buried and are given a new life.

### **Galatians 3:26-27**

<sup>26</sup>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

At baptism we are clothed with Christ.

### **1 Peter 3:20-21**

<sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism

that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Peter says, “baptism now saves you also.” This is a good place to say that it’s not the act of baptism that saves you, look at what Peter says...

*“Not the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus.”*

But it’s not about the water, it’s about what happen through faith in Christ.

I like to say that baptism is where our faith meets God’s grace.

WHAT HAPPENS AT **BAPTISM?**

Think about all these great promises that come true at baptism...

Forgiveness of sins

The gift of the Holy Spirit

We die, are buried and are given a new life.

We put on Christ. We are clothed with Christ.

We are saved.

ONE FINAL QUESTION...

**Acts 8:26-**

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup>So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means

"queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup>and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup>The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

<sup>30</sup>Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup>"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup>This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup>As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

ONE FINAL QUESTION...

WHAT IS STANDING IN THE WAY OF YOU BEING **BAPTIZED?**

## **Small Group Questions.**

1. Each person has great story of their faith. If you have made that decision, do you remember the day you gave your life to Jesus? What are some memories?
2. As the early church started, Acts chapter 2 records that those that believed, confessed, repented, and were baptized. What does this tell us about the church today?
3. Read Romans 6: and Galatians 3: 26-27- what do these passage tell us about baptism?
4. What are your thoughts on Dave's quote, "baptism is where our faith meets God's grace"?
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