



SECTION 2

Believer's Baptism

Unit 3 | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
QUEST PARENTS

UNIT VERSE:

MATT 28:19-20a

“So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

SECTION VERSE:

Colossians 2:12

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PRAYER

Think about making a decision to be baptized, just like Jesus too was baptized. Ask God to prepare you for this.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In your own words, what is baptism?
- What does baptism symbolize?
- ★ Why was Jesus baptized?
- ★ Did Jesus need to be baptized?
- ★ Did the early church baptize people?
How do we know? (Acts 2:41)



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Why Baptize?

In beginning to discuss this very important topic, I should first recognize that there are several different views, held by good and godly Christians, regarding baptism, infant baptism, covenant baptism, etc. I will be teaching from the position practiced by Reston Bible Church, that is, that baptism is a symbolic sacrament to be participated in once by a professing believer in Christ. We commonly refer to this as believers baptism.

Thankfully there are many aspects of baptism on which most bible believing Christians can agree. For one, we all agree that believing Christians should be baptized. There is also general agreement about what baptism portrays. Let's focus there.

First and foremost, baptism is a portrayal of Jesus – His death, burial and resurrection. It reminds us of what Jesus has done for us and what we experienced spiritually when we placed our faith in Him. Our sinful self was put to death and buried with Him and then we were raised again to walk in Him with a new life through the power of His resurrection. (Colossians 2:12)

Secondly, baptism is also a picture or symbol of the washing away of sins that occurred when we first believed. When a person is put under water, it is as if they are saying, "I have let Jesus wash away my old way of living." When they are brought out of the water, they are saying, "I have begun a new life because of what Jesus has done for me."

Thirdly, baptism is a sign or a signal that a person has become a Christian. It signifies that you and your sins are "covered" (in this case covered by water) by God's grace through your faith in Christ.

"There is something about this open ritual of new-found faith that makes clear where a person stands and what he is doing." (John Piper)

So why baptize? Jesus was baptized and he told us to baptize. That's good enough for me.

"We believe the New Testament calls for people to come to Christ openly and courageously. We want to see people who have been believers come to that point of public testimony" - John Piper

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Acts 8:27-38 | Matt 3:13-17
Acts 2:41 | Acts 16:33
Matt 10:32 | Acts 8:12