



**Matthew**  
**BAPTISM OF JESUS AND BAPTISM**  
**Matthew 3:13-17**

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The English word, “baptize” is a transliteration of the Greek word, *baptizo*. The word means “to immerse in water.”

The Book of Acts records several baptisms: Acts 2:38, 41, 8:12, 8:37, 9:18, 10:47-48, 16:14-15, 16:33-34, 18:8, 19:3-7, and 22:16.

Jesus commanded His followers to take His message to all the nations of the world, make disciples, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Apostle Paul mentions baptism numerous times in his letters: Romans 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Ephesians 4:4-6; Colossians 2:9-12.

The Apostle Peter mentions baptism in 1 Peter 3:15-22.

The author of Hebrews mentions baptism in Hebrews 10:22 (not the word itself, but a mention of cleansing with pure water).

BAPTISM: The various perspectives and practices of baptism throughout Christendom are connected to and derived from theology, anthropology, hamartiology, pneumatology, and ecclesiology.

## CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

- Pedobaptism - Infant Baptism
- Credobaptism - Believer's Baptism

## MODES OF BAPTISM

- Sprinkling
- Effusion
- Immersion

## THEOLOGICAL MEANING OF BAPTISM

- Baptismal Regeneration - Baptism is a sacrament of grace, performed by the Church that results in the salvation of the one being baptized.
- Covenantal View - Baptism is the sign of the New Covenant. It is performed by the Church and the baptized person becomes a member of the covenantal community.
- Symbolic View - Baptism is an ordinance (ordained by God, communicated through Christ) to be performed by an agent of the local church. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality. It points the congregation and the candidate to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. It also symbolizes the new life made possible by Jesus. It is reserved for believers only. It is a public profession of faith and ushers the believer into the regenerate church. It is not salvific nor is it necessary for salvation. However, it is a sign of obedience, humility, and discipleship.