



WATER BAPTISM CLASS NOTES

I. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY _____ JESUS _____

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9

2. BECAUSE CHRIST _____ COMMANDS _____ IT.

*“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and **make them my disciples**, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and **then teach them** to obey everything I have commanded you.’”* Matt. 28:19-20

3. IT DEMONSTRATES THAT I REALLY AM A _____ BELIEVER _____

*“...many of the people who heard Him **believed** and were **baptized**.”* Acts 18:8

*“We know that we have come to know Him, if we **obey** His commands.”* 1 John 2:3

II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

1. IT ILLUSTRATES CHRIST’S _____ DEATH _____ AND RESURRECTION

“Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again.” 1 Cor. 15:3-4

*“For when you are **baptized**, you were **buried** with Christ, and in baptism you were also **raised** with Christ.”* Col. 2:12

2. IT ILLUSTRATES MY _____ NEW LIFE _____ AS A CHRISTIAN.

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” 2 Cor. 5:17

*“**By our baptism then**, we were **buried** with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead...so also **we may live a new life!**”* Rom. 6:4

Baptism doesn’t make you a believer — it shows that **you already believe**. Baptism does not “save” you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring — it’s the outward symbol of the

commitment you made in your heart.

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, **through faith**...it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.”* Ephesians 2:8-9

III. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

BECAUSE _____ JESUS _____ WAS BAPTIZED THAT WAY.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” Matthew 3:16

EVERY BAPTISM IN THE _____ BIBLE _____ WAS BY IMMERSION.

(Example) *“...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...”* Acts 8:38-39

THE WORD “BAPTIZE” MEANS TO _____ GO UNDER _____ WATER”.

The Greek word *baptizo* means, “to immerse or dip under water”.

IT BEST SYMBOLIZES A BURIAL AND RESURRECTION!

IV. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

EVERY PERSON WHO HAS _____ BELIEVED _____ IN CHRIST.

*“Those who believed and accepted His message were **baptized**...”* Acts 2:41

*“Simon himself **believed** and was **baptized**...”* Acts 8:13

*“But **when they believed** Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.”* Acts 8:12

At ReNewed Life we wait until our children are old enough to **believe** and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

Some churches practice a “*baptism of confirmation*” for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. **This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible**, which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.

At ReNewed Life, it is a membership requirement that every member must have been baptized the way Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were “confirmed” as children.

V. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!

*“Those who believed...were baptized...**that day!**” Acts 2:41*

“Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, ‘Look, here is water! Why shouldn’t I be baptized right now?’ Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ The man answered, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” Acts 8:35-38

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect”, you’ll never feel “good enough”!

I have completed this class: (name) _____

Date: _____

Note: Please print a signed copy and bring it with you on your day of baptism. If you do not have a printer, please know that we will take your word for it. This is just our way of practicing good stewardship.