

In One Accord:
Part 2
Christian Baptism
Acts 2:40-47

Introduction:

Our Series: Outlined by the Example of Acts 2. A Local Church *Actively:*

Baptizes
Equips
Fellowships
Remembers
Prays
Attracts

Today: Baptism - *Faded Modern Memories of the Christian Faith's Monumental Moments*

I. What is a "Baptism"?

Everyday use of the word -

Old Testament practices -

John the Baptist -

Jesus and the New Testament Gospel - Acts 8:36-38

A Visible Portrait of our Radical Salvation - Romans 6:1-4

II. When should a person experience Christian Baptism?

A. An Unclear Text (*why is Acts 8:37 missing?*) but Not an Unclear Meaning

B. And Not an Unclear New Testament Pattern

Acts 2:38+41

Matthew 28:19

Acts 10:47-48

even **Acts 16:31-34**

III. Why (that is, for what motivation) should a person be Baptized?

You should not be Baptized. . .

You should be Baptized, because, as a follower of Jesus Christ. . .

A. You Eagerly Desire to **Obey** God and His Word. **Acts 8:36+39**

B. You are Eagerly Delighted to **Identify** with your Lord and Savior.

IV. What does Baptism do in and through a Christian's life?

A. It **Confesses** our whole-hearted Trust in Christ & His Saving Work.

B. It **Declares** our full & unrivaled Allegiance & Submission to Jesus Christ.

C. It **Unites** us as Individual Believers to the Body of Christ - The Church.

D. It Beautifully & Boldly **Proclaims** & **Illustrates** the Glorious New Creation of Saving Grace.

Acts 2:40-47

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.