

DISCOVERY 2000

Do you have to be baptised to go to heaven?

Jesus instruction Matthew 28:19,20 (967)
 John 3:5 (1027)

Peoples ideas: "getting the kids "done", in oil, petals, sprinkling, pouring, over the phone ...

What do we mean by "baptism"?

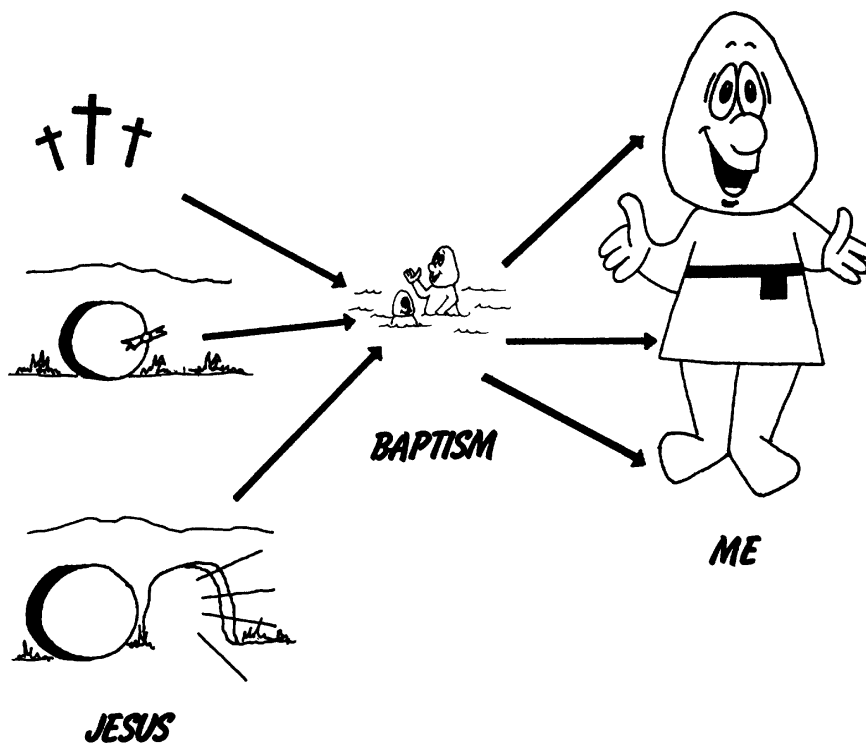
The word "baptism" comes from the greek "BAPTIZO": to dip, immerse, submerge. Used among the Greeks to signify the dying of a garment, the drawing of water by dipping a vessel into another.

Bible descriptions of baptism.

Jesus Matthew 3:13-17 (937)
John the Baptist John 3:23 (1027)
Philip Acts 8:36-39 (1060)

Symbolises:

Washing Acts 22:16 (1077)
Jesus death, burial and resurrection for me Romans 6:3-6 (1089)

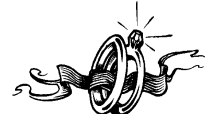


Preparation for baptism

Instruction	Matthew 28:19,20 (967)
Faith	Mark 16:16 (988)
Repentance	Acts 2:38 (1053)

On this basis, when should a person be baptised?

Baptism is for the Christian what a wedding is for a Family



Culmination of a "getting to know you" period with a time of public commitment.
Entered into thoughtfully and with understanding of what is involved.
Learning how to please
Both involve leaving ... and joining ...

What happens at Baptism?

Baptised into the body		1 Corinthians 12:13 (1107)
-What is the body?		Colossians 1:18 (1132)
Receive the Holy Spirit	Jesus baptism	Matthew 3:16, 17 (937)
	Pentecost	Acts 2:38 (1053)

Jesus is our example 1 Peter 2:21 (1163)