

# SERMON NOTES

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## MESSAGE: BAPTISM – A PUBLIC DECLARATION

### 1. What is Baptism? - Romans 6:3–4

- Baptism is an outward act that represents an inward transformation.
- It symbolizes being united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.
- It is an act of obedience and identification with Jesus Christ.

### 2. Jesus and Baptism - Matthew 3:15

- Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness.”
- Though sinless, He set the example for believers to follow.
- His baptism affirmed obedience to the Father’s will.

### 3. The Disciples Practiced Baptism - John 3:22

- Jesus’ disciples baptized others as part of His ministry.
- Baptism was practiced early as a response to faith in Christ.

### 4. Baptized into Christ’s Death - Romans 6:3

- Baptism signifies dying to sin.
- Believers are united with Christ in His death.
- The old life is crucified with Him.

### 5. Raised With Christ - Romans 6:4

- Just as Christ was raised from the dead, believers walk in newness of life.
- Baptism represents a new beginning and spiritual resurrection.

### 6. Baptism Follows Repentance - Acts 2:38 / 16:30–31

- Repentance and faith come before baptism.
- Baptism is not salvation itself, but follows a saved life.

### 7. In What Name Should a Christian Be Baptized?

- **Matthew 28:19 / 1:21; Isaiah 42:8; 1 John 2:27; Acts 2:36**
- Baptism is commanded in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### 8. The Rich Symbolism of Baptism - Colossians 2:12

- Burial of the old self (going under water)
- Resurrection into new life (coming out of water)
- A visible testimony of spiritual transformation
- Identification with Christ’s work