

## What Happens When You're Baptized

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**T**he Scriptures teach the necessity of baptism. This writing makes us aware of some things which happen when you're baptized.

***You're Saved.*** Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...” (Mark 16:16). Peter declared, “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...” (1 Peter 3:21).

***You're Born Again.*** This is referred to as being “born again” as Jesus explained to Nicodemus, “...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:3, 5).

***Your Sins Are Remitted.*** Peter announced, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...” (Acts 2:38). “Remission of sins” is forgiveness or pardon of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed).

***You Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.*** Acts 2:38 adds, “...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” You receive “the promise” (Acts 2:39) of salvation that was prophesied and revealed by the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21).

***You're Added to the Church.*** Notice what happened when folks in Acts 2 were baptized: “And the Lord added to the church daily such

as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). One becomes a member of the Lord's church when he is “...baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13). As a Christian and member of the Lord's church, you now have the privilege and responsibility to work in the Lord's vineyard (1 Corinthians 15:58) and worship in His temple (John 4:24).

***Your Sins Are Washed Away.*** Ananias asked Saul, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins...” (Acts 22:16).

***You Call Upon the Name of the Lord.*** Acts 22:16 continues, “...calling upon the name of the Lord.” This occurs as one hears, believes, and obeys the gospel (Romans 10:13-17).

***You Reach the Death of Christ and Thereby Contact the Blood of Christ.*** “Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” (Romans 6:3). One is brought into contact with the blood of Christ as Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:33-34).

***You're Made Free from Sin.*** “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Romans 6:17-18).

***You're Washed, Sanctified, and Justified.***

Paul reminded the Corinthians "...that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God" and then stated, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). This happened when "...many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8).

***You Get into Christ.***

Galatians 3:27 reads, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Remember Romans 6:3 which says, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ...?" Until one is baptized, he is not in Christ!

***You're a New Creature.***

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

***You're the Recipient of All Spiritual Blessings.***

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). Since all spiritual blessings are in Christ, how many are found outside of Christ? No, not one! Remember how one gets into Christ? "...baptized into Christ..." (Galatians 3:27).

***You Have Redemption, the Forgiveness of Sins.*** Ephesians 1:7 reveals, "In whom (that is, in Christ) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

***You Obtain an Inheritance.*** Listen to these words, "In whom (in Christ) also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Ephesians 1:11). This inheritance is described as "...an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4).

***You're Reconciled.*** Colossians 1:18-24 shows that one is "reconciled in the body" (vv. 21-22), "which is the church" (v. 24), which happens when you're baptized.

***You Have the Hope and Promise of Eternal Life.*** Paul talked about "In hope of eternal life..." (Titus 1:2) and "...the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:1). The hope and promise of eternal life is in Christ (1 John 5:11).

Did you know so many things happen when you're baptized? No wonder the Ethiopian "...went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39) when he was baptized!

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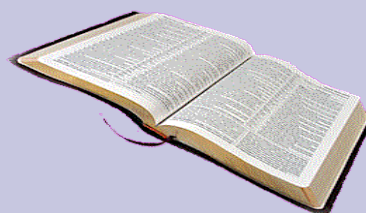
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