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Be Immersed

Baptism: an immersion or submersion of an object or person. It is likened to a burial, in which one is completely covered in dirt/rock (Romans 6:3-4). However, the burial or immersion of interest for this study is in water. In the words of a friend, "What is so special about being dunked in water?" I kindly submit to you that baptism is important because God said so-not me. Let's consider some Scriptural reasons for the need to be baptized.

1. Baptism stands between the sinner and salvation. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Jesus' words are simple and "unget-around-able." We should be able to end this article here, but for emphasis we will continue. Peter reemphasized this teaching at 1 Peter 3:21: "There is also an antitype which now saves us-baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (NKJV).

2. Baptism stands between the sinner and forgiveness of his sins. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

3. Baptism stands between the sinner and having his sins washed away. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

4. Baptism stands between the sinner and the cleansing blood of Jesus. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5). Coupling the truth of this verse with that of Acts 22:16 leads us to the conclusion that the point at which one contacts Jesus' blood is baptism.

5. Baptism stands between the sinner and addition to the Lord's church. Reading Acts 2:37-47 is a clear foundation to seeing that those who are baptized are those who Jesus adds to His church. Why is this important? Because His church is the only body of the saved (see Ephesians 5:23; Ephesians 1:22–23; Colossians 1:18).

The list could go on. For, baptism stands between the sinner and being in Christ (Galatians 3:27), which leads to a host of other things the sinner lacks if he does not submit to baptism: All spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), Absence of condemnation (Romans 8:1), A real reason to rejoice (Philippians 4:4), just to name a few.

We have noticed the need to hear, believe, repent, and confess. Yet, if all of these be accomplished and one lacks obedience to God's command of baptism, he remains a sinner without salvation. On the other hand, if one has been immersed in water without faith, repentance, and confession, he has only gotten wet. Do you see the need to be baptized?

> Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS.

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

84—Have Thine Own Way Lord

Opening Prayer: Robert Hymn:

- 274A—Jesus Loves Me
- Scripture Reading: Ryan

1 Peter 3:18-22 Hvmn:

- 649—I Gave My Life For Thee
- Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

- **577—Heavenly Sunlight**
- Sermon: Tom
- Invitation Hymn:
- 642—I Am Resolved
- **Closing Hymn:**
- 112—Angry Words, O Let Them Never **Closing Prayer: Ray**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR May 21-25 **Gospel Meeting Chardon Church of Christ** Speaker: Mark Lance from Louisiana

CALENDAR

Mar. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom

- Mar. 21-(b) Jerad
- Mar. 21–(b) Mary
- Mar. 21—(b) Justin
- Mar. 26—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom
- Mar. 28—Ladies Bible Study at Nina's
- Apr. 2—-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark. Business meeting
- Apr. 5—-(b) Ken

Apr. 5—-(a) Richard & Rosemary

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am Website: Chardonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church_of_Chist@roadrunner.com Pod Cast: Chardon.podbeam.com Follow us on Facebook: Church of Christ Audio Service: 312-626-6799 Zoom I.D.: 81430241090 Password: 444015

Christ's Suffering and Ours

1 Peter 3:18-22

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PRAYER LIST

	Mynda's sister-in-laws Father's health. Her friend Kim's brain surgery recovery
	Mark and Debbie as they travel
	Ackerman family, Debra's health
	Ruth is home now & attending services
	Roberta , doing Bible study with Tom, stroke
	recovery
	Bonnie's daughters: Renee's hand surgery
	recovery & grandson Devin study
	Wanda's migraines; son Allen, sisters Lorraine &
	Joyce
	Mary and her family. Carl's gout and hip recovery,
	Kathy, severe feet issues, medical procedure and
	pain, her sister and friends. Kathy was in the
	hospital for surgery.
1	Linda's health and procedures.
	Zarna and her family
	Juanita, her sister Betty and the rest of her family.
	Ray and Barbara and their family.
	Dale's health issues, headaches and his family.
	His Mother's medical treatments. His
	friend Riley (age 6) with cancer. Brother in
	Christ Darrell's surgery. His Aunt Rosie's
	heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues.
	7 year old girl, Lucie, with leukemia.
	Ray and his family. Rebecca's right knee injuries
	Pat and her family
	Jessie, Doug's friend, health

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring ^[f]us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, ^[g]when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.