

Series: Why Bother?

Today: Why Bother With Baptism?

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when **Jesus was baptized**, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:13-17

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:37-41

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been **buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:11-12

Why bother with baptism? _____ did!

[Jesus]

Why this is so remarkable and attention-grabbing!

Why bother with baptism? _____ preached it. [Peter]

Why bother with baptism? _____ explained its meaning. [Paul]

Baptism pictures the _____ of what Jesus Christ has done for you –
if he has done it!
[living reality]

The if-then questions...