

## **Jesus said "Be Baptized"**

**The Greek word for baptize is "baptizo". It means: to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to immerse.**

**Mark 16:15-16**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

### **1. Why was Jesus baptized? Matthew 3:13-15**

- To fulfill all righteousness. Jesus fulfilled all that the law required because mankind could not. The father approved of the Son.

**Matthew 3:16-17**

- To validate John's ministry. By John baptizing Jesus it validated his ministry and announced the beginning of Christ's ministry.
- By his baptism, Jesus identifies with man's sin and failure though he himself was sinless.

**Hebrews 4:14-16, 2 Corinthians 5:21**

- Jesus always led by example. (leaders lead the way)  
Jesus commanded that we be baptized as followers of him. He led by example and we follow in his steps. Peter commanded this in **Acts 2:38-41**

### **2. Why baptism by immersion?**

- Jesus was immersed
- It represents death and resurrection

**Romans 6:1-7, Colossians 2:8-12,  
Galatians 2:20-21**

*Take time to remember and discuss your own baptism and what it meant to you.*

*Think about the death of your old life and the new life in Christ. Let's walk daily in that new life.*

*Baptism is also a declaration of repentance and living for Jesus.*

### **3. Salvation is not through baptism! It is identification with Christ and his body.**

*We are saved by faith.*

**Galatians 2:15-16**

### **4. When should you be baptized?**

*Immediately!!*

**Acts 8:26-38, Acts 16:29-34**