

# Baptism Defined

Baptism means “immersion, submersion” (Strong’s Greek Lexicon). Baptism is likened unto a burial ([Romans 6:3-4](#)). The Scriptures state that it is necessary for salvation ([Mark 16:15-16](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#)), remission of sins ([Acts 2:38](#); [Acts 22:16](#)), and for our being in Christ ([Galatians 3:27](#)).

- [Romans 6:3-4](#): “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
- [Mark 16:15-16](#): “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
- [1 Peter 3:21](#): “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”
- [Acts 2:38](#): “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
- [Acts 22:16](#): “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
- [Galatians 3:27](#): “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”