

# **Baptism: A Public Declaration Of Dependence**

## **Romans 6:1-4**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

### **1. The Model For Our Baptism**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “*I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?*” But Jesus answered him, “*Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then he consented. 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; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*”

Matthew 3:13-17

### **2. The Meaning Of Our Baptism**

#### *Your Baptism Proclaims Your Commitment To Christ*

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Romans 6:3-4

#### *Your Baptism Proclaims Your Membership To His Church*

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

### **3. The Mode Of Our Baptism**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

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?”* 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.”*

Acts 2:37-38

## **Linguistic Evidence**

## **Symbolic Evidence**

## **Historical Evidence**