

# SERMON NOTES

The Gospel On Display | John 1:19-35; Mark 1:9-11

*Baptism is a church's act of affirming and portraying a believer's union with Christ by immersing him or her in water, and a believer's act of publicly committing him or herself to Christ and his people, thereby uniting a believer to the church and marking off him or her from the world.* - Mark Dever

## I. THE MANDATE

**Why be baptized?** *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41*

- Baptism is how you publicly identify yourself with Jesus and His people. *Acts 2:38-41*
- Baptism is how you visibly signify that you are united to Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. *Romans 6:1-4*
- Baptism is how you identify as one who belongs to the triune God. *Matthew 28:19*
- Baptism is how you publicly embrace and submit to Him as Lord. *1 Peter 3:21*

## II. THE MEANING

**What is baptism? What baptism is not!** *Romans 6:1-11*

### What is baptism?

Baptism is a picture

1. of faith going public
2. of forgiveness and cleansing
3. of union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (The gospel)
4. of new life

Baptism proclaims *2 Corinthians 5:17*

1. The past – it is a picture of death
2. The present – it is a picture of a new person, brand new life
3. The future – it is a picture that one day I will be raised up

### What baptism is not!

1. Not only a personal matter
2. Not re-dedication
3. Not merely ritual
4. Not salvation

## III. THE METHOD

**When should someone be baptized? How should someone be baptized?**

*The method of baptism is wrapped up in its meaning. You cannot change the method without destroying the meaning.* - John MacArthur

- When should someone be baptized? They hear, they believe, and they are baptized

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 10:13-14, 17; Matthew 28:19-20*

- How should someone be baptized? A person should be immersed in water