

Lesson 2: Baptism

"Rub and Scrub"

"Wow, do you need a bath! You must be somewhere under all that dirt." Has anyone ever said something like that to you? After playing outside all day, we can get pretty dirty, can't we? A bath or shower can do wonders for the way we look. A little clean up and you may even look like a new person. But, no matter how long you soak, or rub, or scrub, it won't do anything about the mud on the inside.



Isaiah 64:6 describes what we look like on the inside before we are washed.

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind, our sins sweep us away.

Sounds pretty bad, doesn't it? In the last lesson we talked about the one and only way we can get cleaned up on the inside.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Are you clean on the inside? _____ Why? What did you say or do?

23. _____

The thought of our God forgiving all our sins is amazing, isn't it? How should you respond to a God who would care that much about you?

John 14:15

If you love Me, you will obey what I command.

What should you do according to John 14:15?

24. _____

One of Jesus' greatest commands is found in the following verse:

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What does He command us to do according to Matthew 28:19?

25. _____

Baptism

Baptism. That's an interesting word. If you look in a Greek dictionary, you might find a similar word, "Bapto," which means "to dip" or "to wash." But, we already said there is one, *and only one way* to be washed on the inside.



What did Jesus say is the way to be cleaned up on the inside:

26. _____

So, we are actually washed of our sin *before* baptism.

John 15:3

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Baptism does NOT save us. True or false? _____

Baptism is a Symbol

When your sports team wins the championship, you get a trophy. The trophy isn't the team or the game or even the winning moment, but it is a symbol of the great playing that happened all season.

Baptism is a symbol of two things.



1) Baptism is the symbol or picture of the **washing** that has taken place inside of us when we ask Christ into our lives to be our Savior.

2) It is also a symbol of Christ's **death and resurrection**.

Romans 6:3-5

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

Put an "X" in the box that compares baptism to Christ's death and resurrection.

Baptism	Christ's Death & Burial	Christ's Resurrection
Going under Water		
Coming out of Water		

Now let's look back at what we just talked about.

Can you list the two truths that baptism symbolizes?

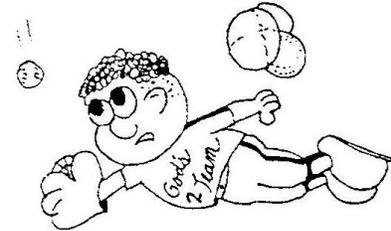
#1. _____

#2. _____

Why Should We Be Baptized?

Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Why should we be baptized?

27. _____

Why? Because God told us to!

What is another reason for baptism?

Matthew 10:32

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

28. _____

Who Should Be Baptized?

Which of God's children should be baptized? In Acts 2:41 the Apostle Peter was talking to a large group of people.

Acts 2:41

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



Some were baptized and some were not. Which were baptized?

29. _____

What was the message? (See 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

30. _____

What the Bible Says About Baptism

In Acts 8:12 we are told of more baptisms. In these verses what two things did the men and women do?

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

#1. _____

#2. _____

What **must you** do before you are baptized?

31. _____

It's fun to have a peek at how someone else came to Christ many years ago. Read Acts 8:26-40 for a detailed account of a baptism of an Ethiopian official.

How long did the Ethiopian official wait before he was baptized?

32. _____

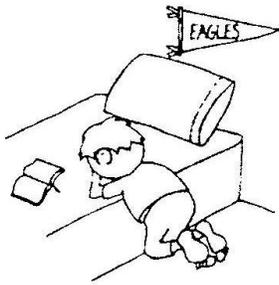
From Acts 8:38-39 describe how we are to be baptized.

33. _____

Are You Ready to be Baptized?

Would you like to be baptized? _____

Have You:



- Confessed your sins to God and asked Him to forgive you?
- Professed that Jesus is your Savior and your Lord?
- Declared you want to obey Him and follow Him?

If you could check these boxes, then describe how, when, where, and how old you were when you became Born Again?

34.

If baptism is your desire, fill out the following:

I, _____ would like to be baptized. I am sorry for my sin and I have accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. I want to obey His command and follow Him.

(Child's Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Homework for Lesson 2

- Memorize the following verse

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



- Read 1 John 2:3-6 and Ephesians 3:20

My son/daughter has said the memory verse and read the Bible reading for this lesson.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

(Baptism Counselor's Signature)

(Date)