

Key Scripture:

Ephesians 1:21 Message
The church is Christ's body,
in which He speaks and acts, by which He fills everything with His presence.

The Making of Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

What hinders people from becoming "All In Disciples"?

- ✓ **Traditions:** Babies are incapable of repentance, faith & public testimonies
- ✓ Fear of man: We must acknowledge Jesus publicly.

Matthew 10:32 NLT

Everyone who acknowledges Me publicly here on earth,
I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven.

✓ Rejection of God's plan for their life: "I will live out my faith my way."

Luke 7:30 NLT

But the Pharisees and experts in religious law <u>rejected God's plan for them</u>, for they had refused John's baptism.

✓ **Too "Spiritual": "**Don't need water baptism...Already baptized with Holy Spirit"

Acts 10:48 NIV

"Can anyone keep these people from <u>being baptized with water</u>?

They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

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The Church

All In Disciples

Why should I be water baptized?

✓ It's an act of obedience.

Matthew 3:15 NLT

But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires."

So John agreed to baptize Him.

✓ Symbolizes the <u>death</u> of your old life and start of your <u>new</u> life.

Romans 6:11 NLT

So you also should **consider yourselves to be <u>dead to the power of sin</u>** and **alive to God through Christ Jesus.**

✓ It's your public declaration of your new identification.

Colossians 2:12 NLT

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

How to go all in for Jesus...

1. Repent of your sins and turn to God.

Acts 2:38 NIT

Peter replied, "Each of <u>you must repent of your sins, turn to God</u>, and <u>be baptized</u> in the name of Jesus Christ to <u>show that you have received forgiveness for your sins.</u>

Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. **Believe** with all your heart Jesus is the Son of God.

Mark 16:16 NLT

Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved.

Acts 8:37 NASB

And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

3. Walk in the newness of life.

Romans 6:4 NASB

Therefore <u>we have been buried with Him through baptism into death</u>, in order that <u>as Christ was raised from the dead</u> through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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