



Key Scripture:

Mark 13:28 NLT

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

Water Baptism

Acts 8:34-36 NKJV

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

What hinders people from being baptism?

Acts 8:36 NKJV

"What hinders me from being baptized?"

✓ **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

rejected God's plan for them, 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 being baptized with water?

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

✓ **Unwilling to change lifestyle:** Romans 6:1-5 We must leave old sinful lifestyle.

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.

Summer Essentials

In The Water

✓ **Symbolizes the death of your old life and start of your new life.**

Romans 6:11 NLT

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

✓ **Is the 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 can I suit up to go in the water?

1. **Repent of your sin.**

Matthew 3:11 NLT

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God.

Acts 2:38 NLT

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

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. **Believe the Good News is for you.**

Acts 8:35 NLT

Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

Romans 6:4 NASB

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

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