



The Great Commission

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 getting water baptized?

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:** We must leave our old sinful lifestyle.

Romans 6:1-3 NLT

1 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of His wonderful grace? 2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? 3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death?

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You Asked For It!

Do Christians Need To Be Water Baptized?

Why should Christians 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 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.

✓ 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.

What must I do to be water baptized?

1. **Repent** – Turn from old life of sin 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.

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. **Proclaim** Jesus Lord with your words and actions.

1 Corinthians 12:13 Message

By means of His one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which He has the final say in everything.

(This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.)

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