

## **Why Baptism Matters**

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1.	It wasby Jesus for anyone who would follow him.	9
	Matthew 28:19 NLT Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."	•
2.	It is an expression of our commitment to to ourselves and to put Jesus in everything.	
	Romans 6:3-4 NIV 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.	
3.	It signifies our identification and membership with the people of God in the new covenant.	
	Colossians 2:11-12 NLT When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. 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.