

# Sermon Notes

Celebrating Baptism  
May 5, 2024

4. Who is eligible to be baptized? Consider the pattern in the following texts as you answer these questions:
- (a) Which came first – salvation (through hearing, understanding and accepting the Gospel) or water baptism?
  - (b) How soon after salvation were the people baptized?
  - (c) What percentage of the people got baptized?

Acts 2:38-42

Acts 8:12

Acts 8:26-39

Acts 9:17-18

Acts 10:43-48

Acts 16:13-15

Acts 16:29-33

Acts 19:1-5

Summarize your findings. Who according to these texts ought to be baptized?

5. What is the significance of Jesus including “baptizing them” in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19)?

If you have come to the point of trusting in Christ as your Substitute and Savior, and have yet to announce that through water baptism, you are encouraged to do so. Contact the pastoral staff learn more!

**Let's Pray:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05/05/2024

## Getting Started:

After witnessing baptism this Sunday, let's do some study on this ordinance that Christ commanded of his followers.

1. What are some initiation rites or affiliation procedures that organizations make new members go through?

## Digging Deeper:

2. Is water baptism necessary for salvation? The following two groups of texts are sometimes pitted against each other in answering that. How would you answer the question? How would you explain the texts that seem to contradict your answer?

### Group 1

Ephesians 2:8-9

Acts 16:31

Romans 3:28

John 3:16

### Group 2

Mark 16:16

Acts 2:38

Acts 22:16

1 Peter 3:21

3. Read 1. Corinthians 1:11-17. How concerned does Paul sound about making sure his converts were water baptized? If Paul believed that water baptism was necessary for salvation, would he have taken that approach? Instead of water baptism, what does Paul emphasize (see also 1:23; 15:3-6)? What conclusion regarding the necessity of water baptism does this lead you toward?