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# BAPTISM



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MIKE MAHEK – SHELBY CAMPUS PASTOR

AUGUST 1, 2021

## Baptism: 1 Peter 3:18–21

How do you handle a passage you don't understand?

Martin Luther: "A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for a certainty just what Peter means."

John Piper: "Here we are at (1 Peter) 3:18–20. There are a couple of verses here that I am simply not sure what they mean."

- \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_ using trusted, godly \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ point

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were bought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...1 Peter 3:18–21

1. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ me to God.
2. God has been the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ since before the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ representing \_\_\_\_\_  
in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.



For personal study, family study, or community group discussion

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### *Open:*

Describe a time when the enormity of a decision caused you to take a bold, unexpected step.

### *Read:*

Acts 8; Isaiah 53; Matthew 28:16–20; Romans 6:1–14

### *Discuss:*

1. Describe the historical context of Acts 8. As you read Acts 8, what makes God's movement of Philip from Samaria to Gaza so intriguing? List some differences between Samaria and Gaza? What does this say about God's plan to bring salvation to specific people at specific times? Describe the uniqueness of your journey with Christ?

2. Describe the situation facing the Ethiopian Eunuch (why was he a eunuch and what was his task?): Why do you believe he was traveling to Jerusalem? Why would he have left disappointed? Why would he have been reading Isaiah 56?

3. Upon hearing the gospel of Jesus, why does the eunuch ask about baptism? What does this tell us about the expectation of baptism in the first century? What Old Testament examples give us pictures of the New Testament perspective of Baptism? Throughout the New Testament there is clear emphasis on baptism. What does the word baptizo mean? Why is baptism so important in the life of a believer? What does baptism represent? In what ways does baptism paint a picture of the work of Christ for us?

4. In what ways does baptism act as a first step into the plan and purpose of God for believers? What does tradition tell us about the Ethiopian Eunuch? How does baptism represent that first bold step of many steps in the journey? What makes Christians so hesitant to take faith-filled steps? What are some courageous, faith-filled steps you have taken recently?

### *Pray:*

If you know Christ but have not been baptized, pray that God would help you take this first courageous step of obedience. If you have been baptized, pray for the faithfulness to take the bold steps God may be asking you to take at this moment in your journey.

### *Memorize/Meditate:*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3–4