

Why Be Baptized?

9. **Why Was Jesus Baptized?** It wasn't for remission of sins. Jesus was sinless. (1 Pet 2:21) "*Christ also suffered _____, leaving us _____, that ye should _____ his steps.*" John was reluctant to baptize Jesus. Jesus told him: (Mt 3:15) "*Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to _____.*" Since Jesus was "*made flesh*" and experienced all with which you and I are familiar (Heb 4:15), he "showed us" how one could be a partaker of God's righteousness when one is scripturally baptized and (Gal 3:27) *puts on Christ*.
10. **Baptism Is Commanded** Jesus commanded (Mt 28:19), "*Go ye therefore, and _____ all nations, _____ in the name of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____.*" (Acts 2:38) "*Repent, and be baptized _____.*" (Acts 10:48) "*And he _____ them _____ in the name of the Lord.*"
11. **It Is The Answer Of A Good Conscience** (1 Pet 3:20-21) "*The longsuffering of God _____ in the days of _____, while the ark was a preparing, wherein _____, that is, _____ souls were _____.* The like figure whereunto even _____ (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a _____ toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." The baptismal recipient must be sincere.
12. **So One May Be Able To Rejoice In** (Acts 8) Philip baptized the eunuch and "*he went on his way rejoicing.*" Verse? ____ After the Phillipian jailer was baptized by Paul and Silas, "*he set meat before them, and _____, believing in God with all his house.*" Scripture? _____
13. **To Get Into Christ** (Gal 3:27) "*For as many of you as have been _____ have _____ Christ.*" Baptized into whom? ____ Can one be *in Christ* if he isn't baptized?
14. **To Contact Christ's Blood** Jesus was already dead when the Roman soldier pierced his side and the blood was shed (Jn 19:34). Note: (Rom 6:3-4) "*Know ye not, that _____ of us _____ were _____ into Jesus Christ were baptized _____? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death.*" We contact the saving blood of Jesus in baptism.
15. **So We Can Be "Raised" With Christ** A resurrection is a coming forth. When one is physically born, he comes forth from his mother's womb; when spiritually born, he comes forth from the baptismal waters. (Rom 6:4) "*Therefore we are _____ with him by baptism _____: that like as Christ was _____ from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should _____.*" Is newness of life possible without baptism? ____
16. **So He Can Enter The Kingdom Of God** (Jn 3:5) "*Except a man be _____ and of the _____, he cannot _____ into the _____ of God.*" Note: (1 Cor 12:13) "*For by one Spirit are we all _____.*" Also note: (Col 1:18) "*He is the head of the _____, the _____.*" The kingdom and the church are one and the same and the same thing (baptism) that puts one in the kingdom puts him in the church.
17. **To Have Sins Washed Away** "*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*" Scripture? _____
18. **To Be Saved** (Mk 16:16) "*He that believeth _____ is _____ shall be _____.*"
19. **To Avoid Rejecting The Counsel Of God** The Pharisees and lawyers (Lk 7:30) "*_____ the counsel of God against themselves, being _____ of him.*" They were Jews. The Jewish people were being prepared for the advent of the kingdom (church). In this case, they were refusing to be prepared. If we reject NT baptism today, we are refusing to prepare ourselves for heaven.
20. **Baptism Is "For" Or "Unto" Remission Of Sins** Suffice it to say that the original Greek word "eis" in (Acts 2:38) does not mean "because of," but "for" or "unto." No reliable Bible scholar (or Bible version) ever translates otherwise. "*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.*" (Emphasis mine – Ed)