

Small Group Studies



'Bringing God and people together'

1st Principles

To help build strong and balanced people

Study 4: Baptisms

The word "to baptize" means "to immerse."

Q What kind of good things do you think we can be immersed in as Christians?

Heb. 6:2 says that *"instructions about baptisms"* are foundational to our Christian walk.

Q If you have been water baptized. Share your experience?

In Him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done with the hands of men but with a circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with through your faith in the power of God. (Col.2:11-12)

Q What do you think happens when a believer gets baptized?

Water baptism is an outward manifestation of an inward work of grace. It is also an act of obedience to a command given by Jesus. It's a place of personal experience, a place of obedience, a place of freedom and a place of testimony. It's also a burial service.

Q What kind of things may need to die in the life of a believer?

Col.2:20 *"Since you have died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules"* This is not talking about obedience to the laws of the land or submission to godly leadership.

Q What kind of good things happen when we surrender our will to God?

Jesus *"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"* (Jn.10:10)

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

Col.3:1-3