

Water Baptism

Definition

Webster: Christian sacrament marked by the use of water and admission into the Christian community.

ABC: The washing away of the past with water to live anew in the glory of the Father. Rom 6:4.

A. Identification with Jesus

1. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom 10:9
2. As many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death. Rom 6:3
Commitment: "Jesus, You are My Savior and My Lord and I commit to live my life as a Christian with You as my example."
Suggestion: Confess your sins frequently. 1 John 1:9

B. Entry Way for Walking in Divine Health

1. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark 16:16
2. Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom 6:4
3. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Rom 6:11
Commitment: "Jesus, you suffered terribly for my sins and so I commit to living a life which is free of the dominion of sin; and, instead of sinning, I choose to walk in the blessings of health for which You paid the price."
Suggestion: (1) Affirm: "In the Name of Jesus, I reckon myself dead to sin." Rom 6:11
(2) When you confess your sins, add after repenting "In the Name of Jesus, I renounce every demon, devil and evil spirit behind these sins and I break their hold on my life."

C. The Ministry of Water

1. The clean person sprinkles water on unclean objects and persons to cleanse them. Num 19:18-19
2. The unclean person must be washed with the Water of Separation or else he is cut off from the congregation because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. Num 19:20
3. Those who are sick with an issue wash their flesh with water and are cleansed. Lev 15:13
4. Elisha told Naaman to wash 7 times in the Jordan to be restored from leprosy. 2 Ki 5:10
5. John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Mark 1:9-10
6. After an angel stirred the water, the first person into the pool at Bethesda was healed. John 5:2-9
7. Jesus used spit to make clay to anoint the blind man's eyes. John 9:6
8. Jesus told the man to wash in the pool of Siloam and the man's sight came back. John 9:11
9. Jesus spat on the blind man's eyes at Bethsaida and the man was healed. Mark 8:22-26
10. For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one; 1 John 5:7
And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the **water**, and the blood: 1 John 5:8 and these three are one.
11. The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, Num 14:18 and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

D. Living in the Fullness of being a New Creation

1. Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead. Col 2:12
2. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. 2 Cor 5:17
3. For He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor 5:21
4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom 6:4
5. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (*give life to*) your mortal body by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Rom 8:11

Commitment: “Jesus, You paid the price for me to be free of the past and to live in newness of life and power. I declare that I am washed free of all sins, sicknesses, diseases, demons, devils and evil spirits. I am a new creation in Christ Jesus.”

Suggestion: (1) Affirm: “In the Name of Jesus, I have the mind of Christ.” 1 Cor 2:16
(2) Affirm: “I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.” 2 Cor 5:21
(3) Treat every temptation as a sin and confess it. When you confess your sins, add after repenting “In the Name of Jesus, I renounce every demon, devil and evil spirit behind these sins and I break every soul tie, every connection, every agreement between me and these sins; and between me and the demons, devils and evil spirits behind them.”

Recommendation: Affirm: “In the Name of Jesus, the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart are pleasing to my Heavenly Father.” Ps 19:14