

Take Me to the Water

Matthew 3:13-17

Can you clearly communicate the significance of baptism? Even though so many have been baptized, they either cannot or do not communicate the meaning and theology behind the act. In a portion of Matthew's Gospel, he reflects on the time when John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. As you consider your testimony and ministry, how has baptism impacted your life for His glory, and with whom are you sharing it?

"And now, why are you delaying? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name."-Acts 22:16

Three Reasons We're Baptized in the Name of Jesus

- **Baptism Identifies Jesus with Humanity. (v. 13-14)**
- **Baptism Fulfills Jesus' Testimony. (v. 15)**
- **Baptism Affirms Jesus' Ministry. (v. 16-17)**

Application

- ✓ Instead of getting sidetracked by your own growth and or popularity, focus on God's will. In your journal, write down three ways you can point people to Jesus.
- ✓ In your prayer time, ask God for opportunities to share your theology about baptism and why it matters.

Meditate on the following verses: Malachi 3:1; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:30; Romans 6:3-5; Peter 3:21

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."-Acts 2:38