

Understanding Baptism

Matthew 3:13-17



Understanding Faith & Baptism

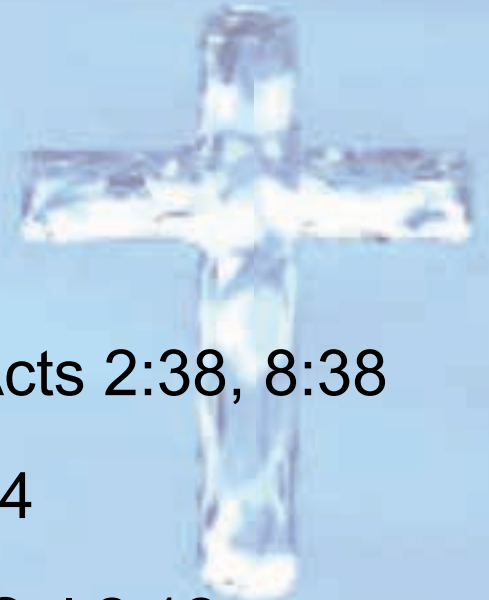
1. Faith \Rightarrow Salvation = Not Important
2. Faith + Baptism \Rightarrow Salvation = Necessary For
3. Faith \Rightarrow Salvation \Rightarrow Baptism = Evidence Of
4. Baptism \Rightarrow Salvation = Roman Catholic
5. Baptism \Rightarrow Faith \Rightarrow Salvation = Covenant

EFCA Doctrinal Statement

- 1950 - 7. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.
- **The Church 7.** We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. **The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.**

Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. Jesus Modeled It – Mt 3:13-17
2. Jesus Commanded It – Mt 28:19
3. New Testament Practiced It – Acts 2:38, 8:38
4. Identified With Christ – Rom 6:3,4
5. Means Of “Obedient” Grace – Col 2:12



Who Should Be Baptized?

1. All Who Repent – Acts 2:38
2. All Who Believe – Mk 16:16
3. All Who Desire – Acts 8:38



When Should I Be Baptized?

1. At The Time Of Faith – Mk 16:16
2. When Convicted By Spirit
3. When Convenient
4. When Old Enough To Understand
5. When Seeking Church Membership

