

# THE KNOW SERIES

**Who, What, When, Where, Why, How of the Christian Experience**

## LESSON # 34

### CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN WATER BAPTISM (COL. 2:12)

**OBJECTIVE:** The class delves into the concept of water baptism and its significance for Christians, with reference to Colossians 2:12. It emphasizes that water baptism is an outward expression of an inner reality, following the foundation of saving faith, repentance, and confession of Jesus as Savior. The act of baptism is seen as symbolic of purification from sin and a representation of dying to the old self and rising to a new life.

The Greek term "baptizontes" is explored, highlighting its root "bapto," which signifies immersion or plunging.

The lesson also underscores the spiritual meaning behind the symbolism of baptism. It draws parallels between Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and the symbolism of water baptism, illustrating the believer's identification with Christ's journey. Baptism is described as a demonstration of one's union with Christ, shedding the old identity and embracing a new life found in Him.

The class concludes with a call to consider being baptized, encouraging attendees to read related materials and memorize relevant verses, while also prompting reflection and prayer about the decision to obey through baptism.

Throughout the discussion, the class focuses on the profound spiritual symbolism and the deep significance of water baptism in the life of a Christian.



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Discussion of last week's meeting, readings and events.

A) Saving faith precedes baptism, along with repentance, and confession of Jesus Christ as Savior.

B) Thus, water baptism is an outward symbol of an inward reality.

C) Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God.

D) We must always remember that it is by grace that we are saved through faith:

E) The Greek word for baptizing is baptizontes, a participle of the verb baptizo. This word is derived from bapto, which means primarily, to dip, plunge or immerse

### (I) THE WATER

A. Symbolizes purification from sin

B. Symbolizes a water grave where we die to the old, or a grave (death) which is the result of sin.

### (II) THE ACT



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- A. **Die** to self
- B. **Rise** to life

### **(III) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SYMBOLISM**

- A. Christ baptized into death (Mark 10:38)
- B. Went into the grave
- C. Resurrected
- D. We receive by faith

### **(IV) INTO CHRIST**

- A. Demonstrated outwardly your inward union
- B. Lost identity found in Christ
- C. Public declaration

### **(V) READ TOGETHER Matthew 28:18**



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A. If you have been born-again consider being baptized

**Read our pamphlet on Baptism available in the church lobby.**

**Memorize Matthew 28:18-20.**

**Pray about when and how you will follow the Lord in obedience through baptism.**



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