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Why be Baptized?

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I. We baptize because Jesus commands it

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II. How is baptism portrayed in the New Testament?

A. 1 Peter 3:20-21

...to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

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- 3) The fact that Noah and his family were saved from the judgment of the flood is a testimony to the faith they had before the flood.

B. 1 Corinthians 10:1

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

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- 3) They were leaving an old ruler and following a new one, just as baptism proclaims our new life in Jesus.

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...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

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- 3) We have been empowered through the resurrection to live a new life, in imitation of Jesus.

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- D. If you have not been baptized yet as a born again believer, consider taking the plunge. Proclaim your new life in Jesus.

