

# What Happens At and During Baptism?

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21;  
Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12-13;  
Galatians 3:27; Acts 22:16

**WHAT?** A burial in water  
**MODE?** Immersion in water  
**PURPOSE?** Forgiveness of Sins  
**WHO?** Penitent person  
**IMPORTANCE?** Positions himself for God to act.

Baptism is not our work, but God's work that saves. **Baptism is God working on us.** God is the active One . . . We are the passive ones. The command to "be baptized" is a passive imperative. An active imperative means that you must do something. **A passive imperative means that you must let someone act upon you.** In baptism God acts on us to do a number of things.

## HOW GOD ACTS IN WATER BAPTISM

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
GOD	GOD	GOD	GOD	GOD	GOD	GOD	GOD	GOD
<b>FORGIVES</b>	<b>CAUSES</b>	<b>ADDS</b>	<b>WASHES</b>	<b>PUTS US INTO</b>	<b>BURIES</b>	<b>RAISES</b>	<b>APPLIES</b>	<b>SAVES</b>
our sins	us to be born again	us to the Church	away our sins	the death of Christ	us with Christ	us up with Christ	Christ's cleansing blood	us
Ephesians 1:7	John 3:3-5	Acts 2:47	Revelation 1:5	Galatians 3:27	Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12-13	Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12-13	Revelation 1:5	1 Peter 3:21



When you exclude baptism from God's saving grace, you are interfering with what God is doing TO us and FOR us!



**3** GOD is active in administering the baptismal benefits TO and ON the penitent believer during baptism.

**1** The ONE DOING THE BAPTIZING in administering the baptism.

**2** The PENITENT BELIEVER is passive in receiving the baptism being administered.