

An aerial photograph of ocean waves crashing over a dark map of the world. The water is a vibrant teal color, and the white foam of the waves is prominent. The map is mostly black, with some landmasses visible in a dark blue tone.

# BAPTISM

**BAPTISM SUNDAY**

# Why get baptised?

**RAISE TO NEW LIFE**

# 1. Jesus commands it

# Matthew 28:19

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptising** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

## Acts 2:41

“Those who **accepted his message** were **baptised**, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

## Acts 8:12

“But **when they believed** Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptised**, both men and women.”

## **2. Baptism symbolises our rebirth in Christ**

# Colossians 2:11-12 NLT

11 When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. 12 For you **were buried with Christ when you were baptized.** And with him you were **raised to new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

“You are **physically experiencing** something that is a representation of what has happened to you **spiritually**”



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## Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; **it is a gift from God.** 9 Salvation is **not a reward** for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

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**Jesus:**

“Today you will be  
with me in paradise”

“If baptism is *not* an absolute necessity in order to be justified (saved), **why get baptised at all?**”



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