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**Question:** Why should I be baptized?

**Answer:** Baptism today is viewed in many conflicting ways, but in the Bible, this was not the case. In fact, in one story of conversion, a sinner was so convinced of his need for it, he asked, “**Why shouldn’t I be baptized?**” (**Acts 8:36**). There was no fuss or debate over it. He realized that if he was going to please God, He must be baptized, and so he was.

But there are many reasons why you *should* be baptized. (1) Jesus commanded it. He sent His apostles into the world to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, (**Matt. 28:18-20**). (2) The NT church practiced it. From its beginning, the church preached that baptism was necessary “**...for the remission of sins**” (**Acts 2:38**). Everywhere the gospel went, people were baptized to be forgiven of their sins. (3) It’s how we come into Christ. “**For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ,**” (**Gal. 3:26-27**). (4) It’s how saving faith is expressed. When the Philippian jailer asked what he must do to be saved, Paul said, “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ...**” But he didn’t know about Jesus, so Paul taught him further. And when he was baptized later that evening, the Bible says, “**he rejoiced having believed in God...**” By being baptized, he proved the reality of his faith. (5) Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God, as **1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 3:21** says. In light of these reasons, why *shouldn’t* you be baptized?

--Steve McCaslin