

# **“Baptism-What is the Big Deal?”**

## **Acts 2:37-38**

### Introduction

- I. Discussing baptism can often cause some individuals to be uncomfortable.
- II. Unfortunately there are a lot of different opinions when it comes to baptism.
  - A. Why?
  - B. How?
  - C. When?
- III. The Bible is clear on baptism and why it is so important.

### Discussion

- I. One can only be properly baptized one time (Eph. 4:4-6).
  - A. Some might bring up those in Ephesus (Acts 19).
  - B. They needed to be immersed again because they did not do so correctly the first time.
- II. Unlike faith, there are no “degrees” of baptism (Matt. 8:10; 14:31; Luke 17:5; Rom. 4:20).
  - A. One has either been baptized or not.
  - B. You cannot have been “half-baptized”.
- III. Baptism is an act that challenges man to trust God and His ways instead of relying on one's own ideas (Prov. 3:5-7; 14:12).
- IV. Baptism places us in Christ (Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27).
  - A. Outside of Christ, there are no spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).
  - B. Salvation depends on obeying the command to be baptized.
- V. Without being baptized, I am still a sinner, condemned in the sight of God (Acts 22:16; cf. Acts 9 and 26).

### Conclusion

- I. The subject of baptism is a serious discussion indeed.
- II. God has explained the importance of baptism, now will we heed His command?