

Baptism and Your Relationship With God

(Part 3)

Based on chapter 18 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on jw.org.

OBJECTIVE: Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN BAPTISM MEAN?

1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

What might others say?

What do *you* believe?

Why do you believe that?

2

EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

After making a dedication to God, a Christian must strive to please him.

(See chapter 18 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 17-19.)

Read Ecclesiastes 5:4; Colossians 1:10.

What is expected of a dedicated Christian?

Read Proverbs 3:5, 6; Isaiah 41:10.

Why can Christians who truly love God be confident that they can live up to their dedication?



At baptism, a person is immersed in water and is raised up out of it. This symbolizes that a dedicated Christian dies to his former life course and is raised up, or made alive, to do God's will

Baptism is a public symbol of your dedication to God.

(See chapter 18 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 20-25.)

Read Romans 10:10.

Why do Christians publicly declare their personal dedication to God?

Read Psalm 25:14.

What will your dedication and baptism enable you to enjoy?

Why do you think that Jehovah deserves our whole-souled devotion? List some reasons.

3

EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

Baptism brings too much responsibility.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

It is true that baptism brings responsibility. But I am willing to take on that responsibility because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

You don't need to get baptized to be saved.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

I agree that baptism does not guarantee salvation. But I believe that baptism is important because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?
