

Inside the Text:

I. What is baptism?

- A. Baptism is a picture of spiritual transformation. (Acts 2:37-41; Romans 6:3-4)
- B. Baptism is a means of proclamation. (Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; Gal. 3:26-27)

II. Who should be baptized?

- A. Born again believers should be baptized. (Acts 2:41; 8:12, 36-37; 10:43-44, 47; 16:30-34)
- B. Born again believers who are able. (Luke 22:39-43)

III. When should you be baptized?

- A. Shortly after spiritual baptism.
- B. Following the examples in the book of Acts. (Acts 8:35-36; 9:18; 10:43-48; 16:33)

IV. Where should you be baptized?

- A. In the presence of believers. (Acts 2:41)
- B. As a picture of the Gospel. (Matt. 28:18-20)

V. How should you be baptized?

- A. By immersion. (Matt. 3:13-16; Mk. 1:9-10; Jn. 3:23)
- B. As a picture of the Gospel. (Rom. 6:3-6)

V. Why should you be baptized?

- A. As a means of identification with the church. (Acts 2:41)
- B. As a means of identification to the lost. (Matt. 10:32)
- C. As a means of identification with Christ. (Col. 2:12; Matt. 3:13; Matt. 28:19)

Apply the Text:

8 baptismal candidates!