

Our Official Assignment: “. . . Make disciples . . . Baptizing Them . . .”

Matt 28:16-20

~ Scripture makes some clear statements regarding water baptism.

1. The Lord gave His eleven disciples an official assignment – in verse 19 – to make disciples of all nations – and to baptize them. – Matt 28:16-20
2. The English words “baptism” and “baptize” come from the Greek words “baptisma” and “baptizo.”
- “Baptisma” means “consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion, and emergence (from bapto, to dip). (W. E. Vine, An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, Fleming, Seventeenth impression 1966, p 97)
3. Water baptism is not the means by which someone is _____.
4. Water baptism is not the means by which someone receives _____.

~ There are practices associated with water baptism that do not have Scriptural commands. It is here that we follow Biblical principles and choose wisely.

~ Scripture does not require that the candidate answer a _____ just before he or she is immersed.

1. What is the question?

Officiant: “Do you believe that Jesus Christ is _____, that He came in the _____, that He died, was buried, and rose from the grave, and that it is through His work _____ that you are saved?”

Candidate: “I do.”

Officiant: “Upon your _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

2. From where do we get that question?

3. Why is the question asked?