

## Right Mind Publishing: Baptism Scripture Reference Resource

This resource is designed to accompany the Right Mind Publishing course on baptism, providing key scripture references along with brief descriptions of their meaning and significance. Each scripture reference is linked to its passage on [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com) in the **New International Version (NIV)** for ease of access. Below each description, the full scripture is provided from the **English Standard Version (ESV)** for deeper study and reflection.

### Key Scripture References with Descriptions and ESV Version Excerpts

#### 1. **Matthew 3:13-17**

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, marking the start of His public ministry and exemplifying obedience to God's will.

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

#### 2. **Matthew 28:19-20**

Jesus commissions His disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, establishing baptism as a foundational practice for believers.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

#### 3. **Mark 1:4-5**

John the Baptist preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and many from Judea and Jerusalem respond to his message by being baptized in the Jordan River.

*John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.*

#### 4. **John 3:5**

In a conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus emphasizes the necessity of being "born of water and the Spirit" to enter the kingdom of God, alluding to the transformative nature of baptism.

*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

#### 5. **Acts 2:38-41**

Peter addresses the crowd at Pentecost, urging them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. About three thousand accept the message and are baptized that day, reflecting a decisive and immediate response to the gospel.

*And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

**6. Acts 8:36-38**

Philip baptizes the Ethiopian eunuch after explaining the Scriptures to him. Seeing water, the eunuch requests to be baptized, showing his readiness to act upon his belief.

*And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

**7. Acts 9:17-18**

Ananias baptizes Saul (Paul) following his conversion experience on the road to Damascus. Paul's baptism marks his acceptance into the Christian faith and the start of his ministry.

*So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized.*

**8. Acts 10:47-48**

Peter commands that Cornelius and his household be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ after they receive the Holy Spirit, demonstrating the inclusion of Gentile believers in the faith.

*"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.*

**9. Acts 16:14-15**

Lydia and her household are baptized after she responds to Paul's message, highlighting the significance of baptism in her new faith.

*One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.*

**10. Acts 16:31-33**

The Philippian jailer and his household are baptized soon after believing in the Lord Jesus, emphasizing the natural connection between faith and baptism.

*And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.*

**11. Acts 18:8**

Crispus, the synagogue leader, along with his entire household, believes in the Lord and is baptized, showcasing baptism as a central expression of faith among early converts.

*Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.*

**12. Acts 19:4-5**

Paul baptizes disciples in Ephesus in the name of the Lord Jesus after they had previously received John's baptism, clarifying the distinction and fulfilling their understanding of Christian baptism.

*And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

**13. Romans 6:3-4**

Paul teaches that baptism symbolizes believers' union with Christ in His death and resurrection, leading to a new life and a transformed identity.

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

**14. Galatians 3:27**

Paul states that those who are baptized into Christ have clothed themselves with Christ, signifying the new identity and belonging of believers in Him.

*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

**15. Colossians 2:12**

Paul describes believers as having been buried with Christ in baptism and raised with Him through faith, underscoring its transformative and symbolic power.

*Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

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