

The Symbolism of Immersion Promises these Spiritual Benefits

- Acts 22:16, Hebrews 10:22 My sins are washed away. (see also Acts 2:38, baptized into the remission of sins, and 1 Corinthians 6:11, justified)
- 1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 5:26 I am reserved for godly purposes (sanctified)
- Romans 6:3-4, 12:1. I become a sacrifice like Jesus.
- Romans 6:4, Titus 3:5 I walk in newness of life. My spirit is resurrected: reconnected.
- Romans 6:5 I will be raised on Judgment Day.
- Romans 6:6 I am freed from slavery to sin.
- 1 Corinthians 12:13 I will achieve miraculous unity.
- Galatians 3:27 I am being transformed (Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18) into the image of Jesus.
- Colossians 2:12 I am buried with Him and raised (see Romans 6).
- 1 Peter 3:21 The water rescued Noah from an evil world as baptism rescues me.
- Acts 2:38 I receive the Holy Spirit

When I choose to be baptized, I am announcing that I will live according to these miraculous promises and am fully assured (have faith) that God will do all of these spiritual things for me.

How much should a person understand before being baptized? First, those who cannot understand these things will not be judged (John 9:41). So, the question is not one of how much should be understood, but if the teaching is deficient, since incompetent teaching would be the only way a person would not hear all of these concepts. Paul addresses poor teaching in 1 Corinthians 3:11 – 15.

All of the symbolisms of baptism were constructed by God to teach about spirits.