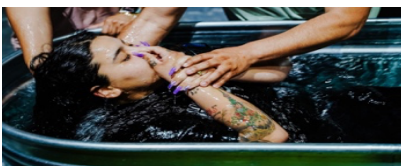


Next Step Class – Session 3

The bible we use is the New Believer's Bible – First steps for new Christians by Greg Laurie



Let's watch the video for Session 3 – "Water Baptism."

Video notes:

- Water baptism is a public declaration of our personal commitment to Jesus.
- We get baptized because of obedience – the bible calls for it.
- Jesus set the pattern by himself being baptized.
- Baptism is a burial of our old man – Romans chapter 6. Page 178.
- We are commanded to be baptized – Matthew chapter 16. Page 21.
- Baptism does not save us. It is the first step of obedience after being saved

Here is a deeper look at water baptism

Christian water baptism is a symbolic act signifying a believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and their new life in Christ. It's a public declaration of faith and obedience to Jesus, often involving immersion in water.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

- **Symbolism:**

Water baptism symbolizes the washing away of sins and the start of a new life in Christ. Immersing in water represents the believer's death to the old life and rising from the water represents resurrection into new life in Christ.

- **Importance:**

It's a public testimony of faith and a demonstration of obedience to Jesus' command. It signifies a believer's commitment to following Jesus and living a new life in Him.

- **Not a means to salvation:**

While water baptism is a significant act of faith, it's not a prerequisite for salvation. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

- **Scriptural Basis:**

The Bible includes accounts of Jesus' own baptism by John the Baptist and instructions for believers to be baptized in Matthew 28:19 (page 38) and Mark 16:16 (page 61).

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