

A Clean Slate

What ideas come to mind when you hear the word baptism?

Read and ponder these key Scriptures about baptism:

[Matthew 3:5-6](#)

What impresses you?

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

What impresses you?

[Matthew 28:18-20](#)

What impresses you?

[Acts 2:37-41](#)

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Consider what baptism IS and IS NOT:

Baptism is a picture of heart and soul cleansing for us—a new start, a clean slate offered through Christ!

Baptism is not just an initiation ritual.

Baptism is not simply another religious ceremony.

Baptism does not magically cleanse.

Baptism is a step of obedience, following in Jesus' footsteps.

Baptism is a reminder of God's all-out love and thunderous pleasure toward his children.

Baptism does not save or transform a person.

Baptism is not a ritual conferring perfection.

Baptism is our outward sign of ownership, identification, new belonging.

Which of the above insights supply you with fresh understanding or spark more curious questions for you?

What would a clean slate mean for you?

Have you believed Christ and been baptized? Why or why not?

Get Ready for Next Week:

Tru\$t Father More. Read each day from **[Matthew 7:7-12](#)**