

**WHAT IS JESUS DOING?**





## Matthew 3:13-17

*“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to **be baptized** by him ... But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to **fulfill all righteousness.**’ ... ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”*

# Matthew 28:19-20

*“...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...”*

Baptism is not a ritual to be performed but a dynamic that must be a present day and continuous reality.

## Romans 6:2-3, 7 (NLT)

*“Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in **baptism**, we joined him in his death? ... For when we died with Christ we were **set free from the power of sin.**”*



**“Baptize”**:-- to immerse, bathe, submerge, pickle, overwhelm, to produce a permanent change.

**Not just getting wet.**

An identification and **union** with Christ that results in a genuine change.

**1 Corinthians 6:17** *“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”*

“Dam up the Detroit River, and baptize the entire city.”

**Henry Ford**



## Acts 2:38

*“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

# 1 Peter 3:21 (MSG)

*“The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience.”*



# Five Imperatives Of Water Baptism

## 1. A Call To Follow Jesus

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*“Permit it to be so now, it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”*

## 2. A Promise To Receive The Holy Spirit

**Acts 2:38** “...and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The way to the fullness of the Holy Spirit is opened up to the believer.



# 3. A Call To Identify With Jesus Christ

## Romans 6:3-7

*“old man was crucified with Him,... he who has died has been freed from sin.”*

## Joshua 3:14-17

*“...all the way to Adam...”*

# 4. A Circumcision To Be Performed

**Colossians 2:11-15**

Jesus Himself cutting away the bent of self righteousness.

**Genesis 17:11, 21, 21:2**

The supernatural purpose of God is released.

# V. A Freedom To Be Appropriated

**1 Cor 10:1-2 / Ex 14:23-31**

- ▶ Free from bondage
- ▶ Free from accusation
- ▶ Free from oppression

Jesus caused an exodus and  
brought you into FREEDOM.



# Paul Harvey

“No longer did there seem to be two uncertain contradictory Paul Harvey’s, just one immensely happy one. I felt the fulfilling surge of the Holy Spirit in my life. The change this simple act made in my life is so immense as to be indescribable.”

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