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Why Baptism Now?

1) It is Commanded

*Mark 16:16 He that **believeth and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

2) Faith in Christ is the only Requirement - No Other Delay

*Acts 8:36-38 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?** **37**And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. **38**And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*

3) In the Bible Days, Baptism Immediately Followed Faith in Christ

*Acts 16:31-33 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.** **32**And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. **33**And he **took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway***

*Acts 16:1-15 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. **15**And when she was baptized...*

*Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing **believed, and were baptized.***

4) Jesus Gave Us the Example to Follow

*Matthew 3:13-15 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. **14**But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? **15**And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.*

5) It is a symbol of our salvation

- similar to how a ring symbolizes marriage. When you say I Do, you then put on the ring.
*Romans 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*