



BIBLE LIFE OVERCOMERS MINISTRY

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WATER BAPTISM

Repent, Be Baptized, Walk in Newness of Life

KEY SCRIPTURE
Acts 2:38

COME TO CHRIST - DISCIPLESHIP MANUAL

WHERE DISCIPLES ARE MADE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This manual is designed for personal discipleship, mentoring, or a small group. Move prayerfully and do not rush merely to finish pages.

1. READ PRAYERFULLY Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand Scripture.	2. STUDY EVERY REFERENCE Open your Bible and read the verses around each passage.
3. ANSWER HONESTLY Allow truth to examine your heart.	4. PRAY AND APPLY Turn insight into immediate obedience.

LESSON OVERVIEW

Paul points back to Israel passing through the sea under the cloud and says they were baptized unto Moses. Jesus Christ later commanded His apostles to make disciples and baptize them. In Acts, people heard the Word, repented, believed, and were baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ or the Lord Jesus. Baptism joins the believer with His death, burial, and resurrection and begins a walk in newness of life.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- See Paul's Old Testament example of baptism
- Understand the command to be baptized
- Study every baptism recorded in the name of Jesus Christ
- Understand baptism into His death and resurrection

PRAY BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Father, help me understand Your Word. Show me the truth about Jesus Christ, correct every wrong belief, and help me to believe and obey. Amen.

STUDY COMMITMENT

I will read every passage carefully, answer honestly, allow Scripture to correct me, and act on the truth God shows me.

CHAPTER 1**BAPTIZED UNTO MOSES****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Exodus 13:21-22; Exodus 14:21-31; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2

Paul wrote that Israel's fathers passed through the sea under the cloud and "were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." Exodus records the cloud and the crossing of the sea. After He rose, Jesus Christ commanded His apostles to teach all nations and baptize them.

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2. What would obedience to this truth look like this week?
3. How does this truth lead me to trust, love, or follow Jesus Christ more fully?

REFLECTION & PRAYER

Where does this truth confront my present life? Pray specifically, using the language and priorities of the passages.

CHAPTER 2**WHO WAS BAPTIZED?****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Acts 8:5-13; Acts 8:26-39; Acts 16:25-34; Acts 18:8

In Acts, people first heard and believed the good news of Jesus Christ. Men and women in Samaria believed and were baptized. The Ethiopian heard Jesus preached, believed, confessed, and entered the water. The jailer heard the Word of the Lord, believed, and was baptized.

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CHAPTER 3

BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

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Acts 2:38; Acts 8:14-16; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-5; Acts 22:16

Peter commanded baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ.” Samaritans were baptized “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Cornelius and his household were commanded to be baptized “in the name of the Lord.” The disciples at Ephesus were baptized “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Paul was told to call on the name of the Lord.

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CHAPTER 4**BURIED WITH HIM: RAISED TO NEW LIFE****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12

Those baptized into Jesus Christ are baptized into His death. They are buried with Him by baptism into death and raised to walk in newness of life. The Ethiopian and Philip went down into the water and came up out of the water. Baptism therefore follows the Bible's picture of burial and rising.

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CHAPTER 5**BELIEVE AND BE BAPTIZED****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21

Jesus Christ said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” Peter said, “Repent, and be baptized.” Ananias told Paul, “Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” Peter also connects baptism with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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CHAPTER 6

AFTER BAPTISM: CONTINUE STEADFASTLY

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:41-47; Romans 6:4; John 8:31-32

Those baptized on the day of Pentecost continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers. Baptism is not the end of discipleship. The baptized believer must continue in the Word, walk in newness of life, meet with believers, pray, and obey Jesus Christ.

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THE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

This visual is a summary, not a replacement for the Scripture studied in the preceding chapters.

1 CLOUD AND SEA	2 REPENT AND BELIEVE	3 NAME OF JESUS CHRIST	4 ENTER THE WATER	5 RISE TO NEW LIFE	6 CONTINUE STEADFASTLY
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CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE

What the Bible records	What should be avoided
Repent and believe	Baptism without personal faith
Name of Jesus Christ	Ignoring the baptism accounts in Acts
Continue steadfastly	Treating baptism as the end

BELT OF TRUTH

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PATHWAY RESPONSE

Which stage of this pathway needs my closest attention now? What specific truth must I believe or obey before moving forward?

SEARCH, EXAMINE, AND RESPOND

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Day 1 - Read the key passage and record what it teaches about God.

Day 2 - Re-read the chapter references and identify repeated words.

Day 3 - Trace the lesson theme through the Gospels.

Day 4 - Trace it through Acts and the Epistles.

Day 5 - Explain the gospel connection in your own words.

Day 6 - Discuss your conclusions with a mature believer.

Day 7 - Pray and obey the clearest application.

EXAMINE YOURSELF

1. Have I personally repented and believed in Jesus Christ?
2. Have I been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. Am I continuing steadfastly after baptism?

PERSONAL JOURNAL

MY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I receive the truth You have shown me. Grant me repentance, faith, courage, and power through the Holy Spirit to obey Jesus Christ. Amen.

MY RESPONSE AND NEXT STEPS

TRUTH MUST BE BELIEVED, OBEYED, AND LIVED

The goal of this lesson is not information alone. Write a concrete response that can be understood, prayed over, and reviewed with a mature disciple.

I BELIEVE The truth I am receiving:	
I RENOUNCE The false belief or sin I am leaving:	
I WILL OBEY The action I will take:	
I WILL SHARE The person I will encourage:	

NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Review this lesson within seven days.
- ☐ Discuss your response with a mature believer.
- ☐ Memorize the key Scripture reference.
- ☐ Obey the specific action God has shown you.
- ☐ Continue to the next Come to Christ lesson.

LEADER'S DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ask the learner to explain the lesson without reading. Clarify the gospel, correct misconceptions gently from Scripture, allow honest questions, pray specifically, and agree on one measurable act of obedience.

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