

Outline 16

Buried Alive— How to Start Life Over Again

- I. To be physically buried alive is a frightening experience that few have survived.
- II. To be spiritually buried alive, though, is the beginning of a brand new life.
- A. The Bible mentions baptism 80 times.
- B. Baptism is a vital part of coming to Jesus.
1. At Pentecost, people asked Peter what they needed to do to be _____ . **ACTS 2:37 (1053)**
 2. Peter responded: “ _____ and be _____ .” **ACTS 2:38 (1053)**
 3. Jesus sent His disciples to preach the gospel to every person and baptize those who _____ . **MARK 16:15, 16 (988)**
 4. Jesus associated baptism with salvation. **MARK 16:16 (988)**
 5. Nicodemus learned that he must be born of _____ : and the spirit to be saved. **JOHN 3:3, 5 (1027)**
- C. Baptism is an outward sign that an _____ change has taken place.
1. How can infants who cannot _____ and _____ , be ready for baptism?
 2. Infant baptism came in when the church at Rome began to teach the doctrine of sin “ _____ ” which was applied to mean that infants are damned because of Adam’s guilt.
- III. Why and how was Jesus baptized? **MATTHEW 3:13-17 (937)**
- A. Jesus was not baptized because He had sinned.
1. He was baptized because _____ had sinned.
 2. He was baptized as our _____ .

- B. Jesus was baptized and “came up immediately from the _____ .” **MATTHEW 3:16 (937)**
1. John baptized where there was “ _____ water.” **JOHN 3:23 (1027)**
 2. The word “baptize” means to dip or _____ .
 3. The Bible recognizes only one mode of baptism as authentic, and that is immersion. **EPHESIANS 4:4-6 (1126)**
 4. James Cardinal Gibbons says the Catholic Church adopted _____ as a convenience.
- IV. The meaning of baptism is taught in five Bible metaphors.
- A. Baptism is the God-ordained ceremony to initiate us into His _____ . **JOHN 3:5 (1027)**
- B. Baptism signifies that one has been born anew as a _____ of God. **JOHN 3:3, 6 (1027); 1:12 (1025)**
- C. Baptism is our spiritual _____ to God, providing stability and security. **HEBREWS 13:5 (1157)**
- D. Baptism means we actually _____ in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and rise to walk in newness of life. **ROMANS 6:3-6 (1089)**
- E. Baptism launches us into God’s _____ to save the world. **JEREMIAH 3:14 (728)**

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ANSWERS: (I) B-1: saved; B-2: repent, baptized; B-3: believe; B-5: water; C: inward. C-1: believe, repent; C-2: original (III) A-1: we; A-2: example; B: water; B-1: much. B-2: immerse; B-4: sprinkling (IV) A: kingdom; B: child; C: marriage; D: participate; E: mission)