

# Baptism in Acts 8

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- **Baptism is an essential part of the Gospel (Acts 8:35-36)**
  - Jesus said so: Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16
  - The Apostles preached it: (Chapters of conversions in Acts 2,8,9,10,16 & 22)
- **Baptism is a burial (Acts 8:38-39)**
  - Burial implies three things
    - The thing to be buried – money, wires, pipes, pets
    - The thing buried in – in the ground, in water, in a pocket, in a purse
    - The act of burying is NEVER different – it is ALWAYS a covering
  - Jesus walked 65 miles to be immersed
- **Baptism is for a repentant believer (Acts 8:34-36)**
  - No mention of infant baptism in the New Testament
  - The 3000 on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
- **Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 8:39)**
  - We offend Almighty God by our personal sin
  - Sin separates us from God
  - Sin keeps us out of heaven
  - How do we get rid of this sin?
  - What if a person believes his sins are removed before baptism?
- **Baptism is an immediate act (Acts 8:36-38)**
  - Conversion accounts illustrate this from the book of Acts
  - There is no promise of tomorrow