


SOHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

# Believer's Baptism


## Session 1



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### What is Baptism?

- *“Baptism is a speech without words, painting a picture without oils, acting a story without a script.”*
- Baptism is very symbolic.
- It cannot save you, but rather shows something that has already happened.





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### Baptism Symbolises...

- Conversion

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### Bible Readings...


-  Acts 2:37-42
-  Romans 6:1-4
-  Galatians 2:20

- In Baptism we are identifying with Jesus in His three great acts that secured our salvation: Death, Burial and Resurrection.

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### In the act of Baptism, we go...

- Into the Water

 *“I have been crucified with Christ...”*

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- God loves us and created us to have a personal relationship with Him.
- However, we have been cut off from that love because, by nature, we are sinful. We are spiritually dead.

 Sin is anything that is contrary to God's nature and His judgement on it is death and eternal separation from Himself

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## Session 1 - What is Baptism?

- Jesus took our punishment, by dying on our behalf on the cross.
- If we accept His forgiveness and walk in His way, the Bible tells us that...



*"The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin."*

(1 John 1:7)

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- Going into the waters of Baptism is a symbol of that washing and new birth. We are now spiritually alive.



Titus 3:3-7

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### Discussion Point:

- Did you have a conversion experience or was it a gradual process?
- What were the events which you feel brought you to know that Jesus Christ was your personal Saviour?

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### In the act of Baptism, we go...

- Under the Water



*"...and I no longer live..."*

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- Baptism shows that when our sins are forgiven, our old life is regarded as buried and out of sight. We are presented perfect before the Father by virtue of the righteousness of Jesus.



Romans 6:4

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- We are *"...a new creation; the old life has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- The old life can no longer be held against us.



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### Discussion Point:

- How were you able to cope with the fact that your old life was in the past and completely forgiven?

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### In the act of Baptism, we go...

- Out of the Water



*"...but Christ lives in me..."*

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- Baptism shows that we have a new life.
- No longer are we living for ourselves, but for Jesus, who gives us His Holy Spirit to live in us and guide us.



The word 'Baptism' comes from the Greek word 'Baptizo' which means to immerse, to plunge, or to dip. It signifies a complete change.

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### Discussion Point:

- What are the things that you find difficult about living for Jesus, rather than for yourself?

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### Baptism Symbolises...

- Identification

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- It identifies us with Jesus and is often referred to as a 'badge of discipleship'.
- In the New Testament times it was the mark that someone had decided to follow Jesus.



Matthew 28:19



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## Session 1 - What is Baptism?

- Conversion is not something we should keep to ourselves. We must be willing to confess our allegiance to Christ.
- When we go through the waters of baptism, we are publicly identifying with Jesus.



Galatians 3:26-27



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### Discussion Point:

- Do you find it easy to confess to others your allegiance to Jesus?
- What are your experiences?

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