

SOHAM BAPTIST CHURCH


Believer's Baptism

Session 2

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Why be Baptised?

- Biblical and historical evidence shows that Believer' Baptism was regularly practised in the New Testament Church.



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- However, if it is not a requirement for eternal life (for we are already Christians at that point), why was it necessary?




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Believer's Baptism is...

- Obedience

 Matthew 28:16-20


 Acts 2:36-38

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- When Peter commanded these new converts to be baptised he was carrying out the Great Commission given by Jesus Himself.
- If we recognise that Baptism is the Lord's command and His desire for us, can we have any reason for not obeying?

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- Obedience to the Lord always brings blessing.

 1 Samuel 15:22

- By holding back, I miss out on that blessing.

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Discussion Point:

- What are some of the reasons why, as Christians, we are not always obedient to God?

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Believer's Baptism is...

- Example



Matthew 3:13-17



John 14:15

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- Many Christians have had difficulty with this issue of Believer's Baptism because they were either Christened or Confirmed when they were younger.
- Jesus' life here on earth helps to clarify this point. As a child, he was circumcised according to the Jewish Law, but later also went on to be baptised.

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- John the Baptist preached baptism in relation to repentance. Jesus, of course had no need to repent but said...



"It is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness."

(Matthew 3:15)

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- The account of Jesus' Baptism clearly demonstrates the concepts of example, love and obedience as God expresses His pleasure...



"This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

(Matthew 3:17)

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Discussion Point:

- We are called to follow His example as a sign of our love. What are some of the other ways we can follow Jesus' example?

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Believer's Baptism is...





- Expression

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- As we discovered in our first session, Baptism was given to us by God as an expression of our repentance and conversion.
- Jesus linked Baptism and faith (Matthew 28:19), as did the apostles in the early Church.

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Bible Readings...

-  Acts 2:38
-  Acts 2:41
-  Acts 8:36-38
-  Acts 16:14,15; 30-34

- These examples also demonstrate that Baptism was the norm in the early Church.

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Discussion Point:

- Taking in consideration what we have covered in these two sessions, how would you explain your baptism to an unbeliever?



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