

## Module 2: What is Baptism?

### MODULE 1 REVIEW: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- Discuss with a mentor, “What is the Gospel?”
- How should we respond to the Gospel with our head? With our heart?

### WHAT IS BAPTISM?

- **A Symbol:** *A Physical Representation of a Deep Spiritual Reality*
  - Identification with Christ in His Death, Burial & Resurrection. **Romans 6:3-4** *“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”*
  - New Birth/New Life in Christ. **John 3:3** - *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*
  - Washing/Cleansing from our Sins. **Titus 3:5** - *“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”*
  - Identification with Christ’s People - the Church. **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”*
- **An Act of Imitation, Obedience, & Discipleship**
  - **Matthew 28:19** - *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”*
- **A Proclamation of Faith**
  - Because it is a proclamation of faith in Jesus, we believe that it is for believers only.
  - **Colossians 2:12** - *“having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him **through faith** in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”*
- **An Affirmation of the Work of God - all Glory goes to Him!**
  - **Ephesians 2:8-10** - *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*