



PART 4: Baptism Simplified

Baptism is a powerful step in a person's spiritual journey. But with so many traditions, denominations, and differing perspectives, people often question what baptism really represents, who should take this step, and why it's important.

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MAIN TEXT: [Acts 8:4-8, 26-40](#)

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THINK

- Chris shared at the beginning his baptism story, and that everyone has some type of baptism story. What is your personal "baptism story" or your experience with baptism?
- [Acts 8:30](#) → Philip saw the Ethiopian official reading Isaiah and simply asked, "Do you understand?" How can we approach those curious about faith with the same helpful, non-judgmental curiosity?
- The Greek word baptizo literally means "to dip or submerge" and historically implied a permanent change—like submerging a cucumber in vinegar to make a pickle, or white linen in dye to make it permanently purple. How does the imagery of a "permanent change" alter the way you view baptism and your daily walk with Christ?
- Chris addressed 10 key questions about baptism. Which insights stood out to you? What new questions do you now have?

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ENGAGE

- After Philip shared the good news about Jesus, the Ethiopian Eunuch saw water and immediately asked, "What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ([Acts 8:36](#)). What are some common barriers or fears that hold people back from taking their next steps of faith, and how can this group help encourage one another past them?

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