

Down Into The Water

If you were to ask someone today, “What is baptism?” you might be surprised at the answers you receive. Some say that having water poured on top of your head is baptism. Others might say that having water sprinkled on you is baptism. However, neither of the two responses is correct if one chooses to follow biblical example. In Acts chapter 8, Philip preaches Jesus to an Ethiopian eunuch. The eunuch had been reading about Christ from the prophet Isaiah. It is obvious that the man believed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God, and asked Phillip what he needed to do in order to make his life right with God. Note Philip’s response to the man’s question: “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized? Then Phillip said, if you believe with all your heart, you may... So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him” (Acts 8:34-38). According to the Bible, baptism is emersion into the water.

Jesus says, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Peter, inspired by God states, “Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins” (Acts 2:38). Paul was instructed to, “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins (Acts 22:16). May we at the Cleveland church of Christ assist you in going “down into the water?” Join us for worship. Visitors are welcome.