

## WATER BAPTISM EXPECTATIONS - Mark C. Smith ( [pastormark@csceneters.org](mailto:pastormark@csceneters.org) )

Water Baptism is never to be a ritual or just a thing to do. It is a physical participation of a spiritual experience that Jesus has ordained in the Word. *Mark 16:15-16 Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

Water Baptism represents what Jesus came to do. (Lk 19:10; 1Tim.1:15, 2:3-6; Jn.1:29; 1Jn.3:8)

1. It is a declaration before God, people and the spiritual realm of the person's salvation in Jesus Christ. (Col.2:12-15)
2. It is an outward sign of the inward conversion that has taken place. (1Pet.1:18-20)
3. When a person is water baptized Jesus has already become Savior and Lord of their life.(Rom.10:9-13)
4. It declares you are now God's child. (Gal.3:26, 4:3-7; John 1:12)

### Water Baptism Represents

1<sup>st</sup> - It represents the life and sacrifice of Jesus for the sin of the world. His death on the cross, His burial (under the water) & His resurrection from the dead. Baptism declares the personal identification to Jesus (1Cor. 15:1-4)

2<sup>nd</sup> - It represents the new birth that has taken place within the heart of the person being baptized. They are declaring that the old person of sin and all past sins have been crucified in Jesus Christ. That their sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus and they are raised up (out of the water) a new creation in Jesus Christ. (John 3:3-7,16-17; 1John 4:14-16; 1Peter 2:24)

3<sup>rd</sup> - It represents the freedom of Jesus who has delivered from Satan and the kingdom of darkness. Now, placed us together with Him in His Kingdom as God's child. Experiencing God's love, Jesus life in its fullness now and forever more. (John 10:10; Rom. 5:5-8; Rev.1:5-6, 5:9-12 & 12:10-11)

4<sup>th</sup> - It represents Jesus resurrection & our future resurrection (1Cor.15:20-23, 50-57; 1Jn 3:1-3; Jn.11:25-27)

*II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:  
old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Water Baptism is a public and spiritual declaration to all. Saying, I belong to Jesus Christ. I am sin free & forgiven. Jesus is my Savior and Lord. Water baptism it is identifying publicly with the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A declaration to all that they are a child of God, washed clean from sin through the blood of Jesus of His cross and are raised up to follow Jesus and obey God's Word.

### Hallelujah! Does this make you to want to be water baptized again?

1. Water Baptism is a very important ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is a joyous occasion.
2. This is a special time in a person's life. It is a physical action with spiritual power. (John 8:36)
3. Let's follow by obeying God's Word for God's glory and joy. (Luke 15:10)

#### Bible passages to ponder about water baptism:

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| 1) Mat. 28:18-20  | Jesus' command (Luke 24:46-47; Rom. 1:16)   |
| 2) Rom 6:4-6 & 11 | Spiritual meaning (Rom.6:23)  |
| 3) Acts 8:36-38   | A person desire for water baptism to ID with Jesus salvation  |
| 4) Col.1:13-14    | A declaration of your freedom from the devil's hold (Heb. 2:14-15)  |
| 4) Acts 2:36-41   | From conviction, to salvation, to water baptism. Many people have been filled with the Holy Spirit during water baptism. So be ready for Gods Presence. |

Let's believe God for great things to occur. Allow your faith in Jesus to have a high expectation of God's blessing. Then great and wondrous things can will occur in the life of the newly saved, water baptized and Spirit-filled person. *Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*