

## 2. The Doctrine of Water Baptism

Some of the questions surrounding this doctrine of Christianity are; what is it? Do I need it? And, if so, why? How often do I do it? Is once enough? Which method or type should be preferred?

### **Water Baptism by Immersion, A Public Exhibition Of The Statement By The Believer that:**

"I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God, and he was crucified in order to satisfy the penalty for sins I have committed, for which I believe I am indebted to pay" [Mark 16:16].

**I acknowledge:** "that I have incurred the penalty of death, for the commission of my sin; and that I desire to be free of this penalty of death; and, that I believe in the sacrifice and the resurrection of Jesus Christ; [Acts 2:38]. And, I no longer desire to be a sinner [Mathew 3:11]." **I believe** those that are baptized, are baptized into Jesus Christ's death, and Jesus Christ's Resurrection"; [Romans 6:3-11] and are no longer sinners unto God" [Galatians 3:27].

Anyone that can truthfully make these declarations publically, (to more than just themselves in their on heart) is ready to be baptized.

Anyone that desires to be baptized, but is having problems declaring or understanding the acknowledgement(s) above, are candidates for baptism; and it is advised that they should seek baptismal counseling before proceeding to be baptized.

The preferred method for water baptism should be immersion; so that the entire body can be (buried) immersed under water, and (resurrected) raised from under the water. This is symbolic the Lord And Savior Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 10:9 tells us how to get the SALVATION we so crave. It says that "if you will confess with your mouth, JESUS IS LORD, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"; or put another way, receive SALVATION.