



Going Deeper Together

The Meaning of Baptism

Acts 2:22-39

[based on sermon preached 7.11.21 – may be available on the [church app](#) or at <https://lwac.org.au/sermons>]

KEY IDEAS

- Baptism is a sacrament: a ‘holy mystery’, because it physically, externally and visibly signifies (points to) a spiritual, internal and invisible reality in our lives.
- Baptism signifies our union with Christ.
- Our union with Christ is an experience of the Holy Spirit bringing illumination, love and new allegiance to Jesus.

CONNECT

- Share your experiences of baptisms, either your own or ones you’ve witnessed.

STUDY

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- A disciple is a learner, a follower: how does Jesus’ command to baptise his disciples help us understand the nature of the discipleship he calls us to?
- What role does ‘teaching’ and ‘repentance’ play in our discipleship?
- “Baptism is a sign of our salvation not a condition for it.” Discuss this statement in relation to Lk 23: 39-43.

APPLY

- Three evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives are discussed in the sermon:
 - Illumination – where our ‘eyes open’ to see Jesus for who he really is.
 - love – a softer heart that is more compassionate and loving.
 - allegiance to Jesus – his will for me becomes more important than my own.

- Describe these three evidences from your own experience as a Christian.
- Which of the three are you more inclined to cooperate with and which are you least? Examples?
- What does this reveal to you about the 'quality' of your discipleship?

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

- According to need.