



First Baptist Church OF MATAWAN

One Baptism (Ephesians 4:5)

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1. How big of an issue is our view of baptism?
 - a. It is not an issue of heaven or hell (Luke 23:39-42).
 - b. It is an issue of obedience to Christ (Matt. 28:29).
 - c. Many have been persecuted and killed for practicing biblical baptism.
2. What is the “One Baptism”?
 - a. Baptism is immersion (Matt. 3:16; John 3:23; Acts 8:38-39; Rom. 6:4)
 - b. Baptism is of believers (Matt. 3:6-8; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12; 18:8)
 - c. Baptism is symbolic, not saving (Gal. 2:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)
3. Stuff about baptism we can barely mention today
 - a. It is pre-figured in the Old Testament (1 Cor. 10:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:20-21)
 - b. It is a normal part of becoming a Christian (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12; 22:16)
 - c. It is the one-time rite of entry into the church (Acts 2:41; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5)
 - d. It is followed by the ongoing rite of communion with the church
(Acts 2:41-42, 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 12:13; John 13:8-10)
4. Baptism Preaches the Gospel (Romans 6:1-11)
 - a. Believers have died to sin in Jesus’ death
 - b. Believers’ old lives have been buried in Jesus’ burial
 - c. Believers’ new lives were raised up in Jesus’ resurrection
 - d. In baptism we commit to live as new creations in Christ