



## Bible Study

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### WHY CHURCH?

Based on the book by Dean Inserra

Ever since COVID, too many Christians have gotten out of the habit of attending church services and Bible Study. In this new series, "Church-What Is It All About?," we will look at why does attending church matter?

#### Why Do We Baptize?

Besides the first Sunday of the month (Lord's Supper), one of the most exciting Sundays of the month is the fourth Sunday. The Sunday we call "Baptism Sunday"! When someone steps into the water of our baptismal pool, our church gets the privilege to participate as witnesses to what Jesus has ordained for the church to do – baptize Believers!

#### I. What Baptism Does Not Do

1. Baptism does not bring about salvation.
2. Baptism does not forgive sins.

*Romans 10:9-10, 13*

*1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9*

#### II. Why Do We Baptize?

1. Baptism of Believers is commanded by Jesus Christ.
2. The start of Jesus public ministry started with a baptism.
3. New Testament baptism is by immersion.
4. Conversion and repentance should precede baptism.
5. Baptism identifies the Believer in the church body.
6. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change.
7. Baptism is a picture of the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus.

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*Mark 1:9*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

*Acts 2:41a*

*Acts 2:41b*

*2nd Corinthians 5:17*

*Romans 6:3-4*

Brothers and Sisters, we do not get baptized out of obligation to Jesus, we get baptized in obedience to Jesus.