



What Christians believe

- We believe the Bible is God's word, and should be taught and followed as closely as possible
- We believe that everyone has sinned, turned away from God and are in need of rescue
- We believe that Jesus is God's Son and the only way to Heaven. Nothing more or less than Jesus is required!
- We believe that the consequences for not following Jesus is separation from God and everything good forever in a place the bible calls Hell.



What Christians believe

Sacrament – an outward sign of an inward reality

In obeying the bible, we (Baptists) believe that 2 sacraments are important....

1. Baptism
2. Communion

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Mark 1:9

- Follow Jesus' Example

Matt 28:19-20

- Jesus commanded it

Acts 18:8

- Shows we are a Christian

1 John 2:3

- Obeying Jesus' command shows that we know him

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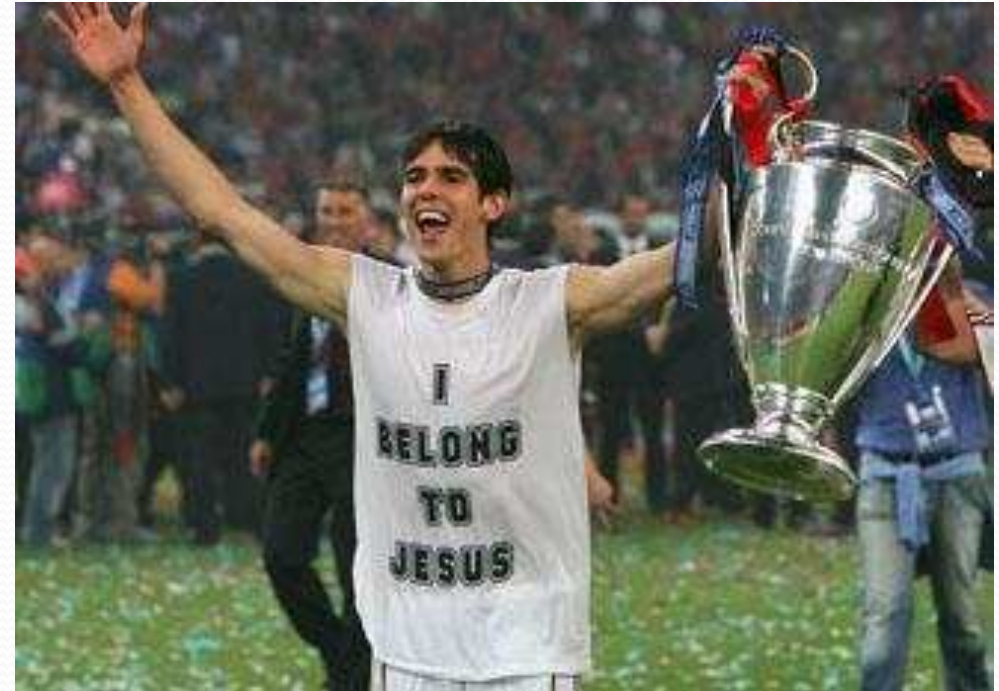
It's an outward symbol of something much deeper.



Colossians 2:12
Romans 6:4
Ephesians 2:8-9

Symbol of Jesus' burial and resurrection.
Symbol of our new life as a Christian.
Baptism does not make us a Christian
...it shows that we already are one

Baptism - Where oh where?



In Public!

Nailing colours to the mast, saying I belong to Jesus

Baptism – Who and when?

Acts 2:41 - ‘Those who believed.’
‘That day’

Acts 8:36-39 - after they believed.

Christians can/should be baptised, soon after they believe, and when they are firm in their beliefs.

Baptism – How?

Greek lesson - ‘baptizo’ means to *immerse, plunge, dip, or bury in water.*

Matthew 3:16 – Jesus had to get up, out of water
Acts 8:38,39 – Came up out of water

*Identification with death, burial and resurrection
(new life)*



What next....

If you've been baptised...

Does your life live up to your identification with Jesus?

Are there any other areas of life where God wants you to be obedient?

If you're a Christian, and not yet been baptised...

Are you going to follow Jesus' command and publicly say 'I belong to Jesus'.

If you're not a Christian,

will you start your adventure with Jesus?