



*So You Want to Do Church
God's Plan for His People*

Acts 2:36-41; Romans 6:1-5

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V. Baptism: Public Declaration of a Personal Reality (Acts 2:36-41; Rom 6:1-5)

A. A public statement of personal faith (Acts 2:36-41; Rom 6:1-5)

- 1. Declaring that Jesus is Lord and Christ (v.36)*
- 2. Declaring dependence on Christ for forgiveness of sin (v.38)*
- 3. Declaring identification with the family of faith (v.41)*
- 4. Declaring desire to follow Christ in living (Rom 6:1-5)*

B. A public illustration of the good news of Christ (Rom 6:4; I Cor 15:3-4)

- 1. Into the water: identifying with Christ's death*
- 2. Out of the water: identifying with His resurrection and new life*
- 3. Immersion is the best picture of the reality*

C. A public response to the example and instruction of Christ (Matt 3:13-17; 28:19-20)

- 1. Jesus modeled it*
- 2. Jesus commanded it*

D. A public celebration of those new to the family of faith (Acts 2:38, 41)

- 1. As soon as you make a commitment to Christ*