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## ***WHY IS BAPTISM IMPORTANT?***

**1) Jesus commanded us to do it**

*(Matthew 28:19)*

❖ **Jesus** has the right to command

*(Matthew 28:18)*

**2) It is a matter of life and death**

*(Mark 16:16; John 3: 3-8;  
Acts 16:30-34; Romans 6:21, 22, 23;  
1 Corinthians 1:18; Galatians 5:19-21  
Galatians 6:7-9; Colossians 2:13;  
Hebrews 10:29; 1 John 5:12)*

**3) Baptism relates us to God**

*(Romans 8:15;  
Galatians 3:26-29, 4:6-7)*

**4) Baptism relates us to one another**

*(1 Corinthians 12:12-13)*

Notes

***“[Initiation] is an invitation to others to join in living the gospel values of the reign of God which the community promises to live right now.”***

*(Catechesis and Mystagogy, LTP, Chicago, p.5)*

*"I think more of the place where I was baptised than of the Cathedral of Rheims where I was crowned. For the dignity of a child of God which was bestowed on me at my baptism is greater than that of a ruler of a kingdom. The latter I shall lose at my death, the other will be my passport to everlasting glory."*

*Louis IX, King of France*

5) Baptism is **not about** keeping up **appearances** but about a person being in a right relationship with God.

*(Galatians 3:5, Galatians 5:6, Galatians 6:7, 12, 15; 1 John 5:10)*

6) You **cannot share** a relationship that you do not have yourself!

*(Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46-49; Luke 9:26, Luke 12:8-9)*

7) Baptism is about **Good News**

*(Luke 19:10; John 20:31; 1 John 3:8, 1 John 4:15, 1 John 5:5, 13)*

8) Baptism is **life-changing**

*(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

*"The goal of initiation is not "to get the sacrament" but to make disciples."*

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