

God's Answers to Life Changing Questions

What Does God Want of Me? Phil. 2:9-15

Does the Local Church Even Matter? Acts 9:26-28

How Does God Call us Today? 2 Thess. 2:13-15

How Does the Spirit Assure Us? Romans 8

Why Did God Choose Baptism? Matt. 28:18-20

How Can I Face Death Courageously? 2 Cor. 5:1-10

Why Did Jesus Come? John 6:38



John 8:30-32

Why Did God Choose Baptism?

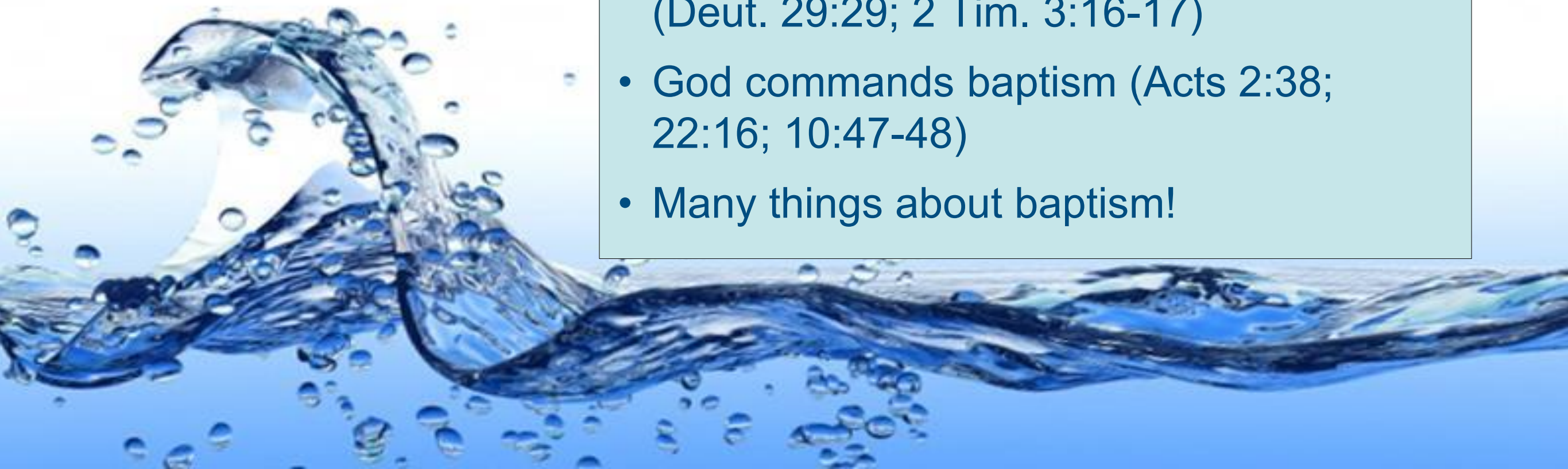
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What We Know about Baptism...

- God chose baptism (Matt. 28:18-20)
- What God wants us to know about it (Deut. 29:29; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- God commands baptism (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 10:47-48)
- Many things about baptism!



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What Else God Wants Us to Know about Baptism...

- God chose immersion (by definition — *baptizo* = immerse)
- Picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3-6)
 - Honors Jesus and what He did to save us (1 Cor. 15)
- Jesus submitted to death, was buried, then arose to save us. *We must do what He did to be saved.*



Jesus died

was buried

arose from the dead alive again!



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**We die to sin
(repent)**

**are buried in the
watery grave of baptism**



**“arise to walk
in newness of life”**

- We must do what Jesus did to receive what He came to provide.

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What Else God Wants Us to Know about Baptism...

- Baptism is an act of obedience to Jesus and His gospel (Rom. 6:3-6, 16-18)
- Obedient faith: the focus of Romans (Rom. 3:28)
 - Bookends (1:5; 16:26)
 - Throughout the middle (2:5-11; 6:3, 16-18, 23; 10:6-17)
- Obeying the gospel: essential to salvation (2Thess 1:7f)



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What Else God Wants Us to Know about Baptism...

- Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and arose again to save us.
- We must (Rom. 6:3-6)...
 - die to the love and practice of sin (repentance)
 - be buried in the watery grave of baptism, and
 - arise from baptism to live a new, different, and better life.



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- God revealed His purpose for our baptism: salvation (Mark 16:15-16).

