

## The Ordinance of Baptism

*Romans 6:1-3. 1 Peter 3:18-21*

**B**elievers Only    *Acts 2:41, 16:30-34, 8:36-39*

### **A**uthority for Baptism

Proclaimed by the Lord    *Matthew 18:19-20*

Participated in by the Lord    *Matthew 3:13-17*

Practiced by Peter    *Acts 10:44-48*

Performed by Paul    *Acts 16:31-33 1 Corinthians 1:12-17*

**P**ublic Confession    *Matthew 16:32-33*

**T**estimony of the Gospel    *1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

Death    *Hebrews 9:12,14*

Burial    *Matthew 12:40*

Resurrection    *1 Corinthians 15:4-8*

**I**dentification with Christ    *Philippians 1:14*

An individuals personal decision, as in salvation

*Revelation 3:20*

**S**ignificance of Baptism    *Romans 6:3-22*

**M**ethod of Baptism    *Matthew 3:16 John 3:22-23*

Concluding verse    *1 Peter 3:21*

## The Christian and His Battles *Ephesians 6:10–20*

### B. Defeating the Enemy *(Ephesians 6:18–20)*

#### 3. Witnessing *(v:19–20)*

##### a. *Pray for a Brother's Boldness in Sharing the Gospel (v:19)*

##### 3. *Prayer Shatters Difficulty*

*There are many hindrances when sharing the gospel.*

- (1.) Hardened hearts — dull of hearing *Acts 28:20*
- (2.) No understanding when God knocks *Luke 19:42–44*
- (3.) Cultural differences *1 Corinthians 9:19–22*
- (4.) Inability to comprehend *Mark 6:50–52 Mark 8:17, 21*
- (5.) Language barrier *Acts 2:1–13, 21*
- (6.) Spiritual blindness *2 Corinthians 4:4*
- (7.) Man's ignorance *Acts 17:23*
- (8.) Stumbling at truth *1 Peter 2:4, 7–8*
- (9.) Antagonism to truth *Acts 7:54*
- (10.) Depraved fallen nature *Romans 1:10, 18–22 Romans 3*
- (11.) Christians' bad testimonies *Romans 2:24*
- (12.) Deceived heart *Jeremiah 17:9 Isaiah 29:13*
- (13.) Man loves darkness *John 3:18–21*
- (14.) Man loves this world *1 John 2:15–17*
- (15.) Man loves money *1 Timothy 6:10 Matthew 19:16–30*

##### b. *Pray for a Brother's Bonds for Sharing the Gospel (v:20)*