Act 16:16-34
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7 Marks of a NT Church

- Evangelistic Proclamation
- **Christian Baptism**
- Apostolic Teaching
- Genuine Relationships
- Christ Centered Gatherings
- Fervent Prayer
- Sacrificial Living
Understand What Baptism Is:
Acts 16:33

• **Immersion:** To submerge or immerse
• **Affusion:** To pour
• **Aspersion:** To sprinkle
4 Reasons We Immerse

- *It is literally what the word means*
- *It is what Jesus did*  
  Mark 1:10
- *It is what the apostles practiced*  
  Acts 8:16
- *It illustrates the meaning best*  
  Rom 6:4
Understand When We Baptize

- Acts 16:33 Jailor “immediately”
- Acts 8:36 Eunuch “there is water!”
- Acts 9:18 Paul “he got up and was baptized”
- When you personally trust Christ
Understand What Baptism Represents

- A physical expression of a spiritual reality
- Lives out the gospel message for all to see
- An opportunity to verbalize your faith

Mt 10:32 "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven."
Understand The Message

Acts 2:36-39

• **Spiritual Reality:** Jesus is...
  ~Lord
  ~Christ

• **Personal Response**
  ~Repent
  ~Baptized
  ~Forgiveness

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5 Reasons You Should Be Baptized

- **Example**  
  Jesus did it  
  **Mk 1:10**

- **Obedience**  
  Jesus said do it  
  **Mt 28:20**

- **Submission**  
  Jesus requires it  
  **Lk 6:46**

- **Testimony**  
  Others need it  
  **Mt 10:32**

- **Preparation**  
  Small to Large  
  **Mt 25:21**

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One Question

Have You Followed Jesus In Baptism?