Why Be Baptized?

I. To Obey the Lord’s Commands
   (1 John 5:3; John 15:14, 10)
   A. Jesus Commanded Baptism (Matt. 28:16-20).
II. To Be Forgiven of Sins.
   A. Peter’s Sermon on Pentecost (Acts 2:36-39)
   B. Paul’s Account of His Conversion (Acts 22:6-16)

III. To Get into Christ (2 Cor 5:17; Eph. 1:3; Rom. 8:1).
   A. One is Baptized into Christ’s Death (Rom. 6:3-6).
   B. One Baptized into Christ Puts on Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).
IV. To Be Born of the Water and the Spirit.
   A. Jesus’ Teaching to Nicodemus (John 3:1-5).
   B. Paul’s Reference to Rebirth (Titus 3:4-7).

V. To Be Saved (Eph. 2:8,9; Heb. 9:22).
   A. Jesus Connected Baptism and Salvation (Mark 16:15,16).
VI. So the Lord Will Add One to the Church (Eph 1:22,23; I Cor 1:2; Col 1:13; Rev 1:9; I Cor 15:24).

A. Jews on Pentecost (Acts 2:40-41,47)

B. The Colossians (Col 1:13-14; 2:11-13)