

An underwater photograph showing sunlight filtering through the surface of blue water, creating a shimmering, dappled light effect. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the light rays are visible as they penetrate the water.

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

3 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

WHO IS IT FOR?

Those who believe (Mark 16.16)

Those who have repented (Acts 2.38)

Those who have sinned (Acts 2.38)



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

Become God's child (Galatians 3.26-27)

Enter Christ (Romans 6.3-4)

A new life (Romans 6.4)

Forgiven sins (1 Peter 3.21)



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Connection to a burial (Romans 6.3-4)

Consider how the Greek word was used in 1st century society:



Strabo



THE GEOGRAPHY OF STRABO

(Vol.1-3)

Book 14, Chapter 3

Near Phaselis, by the sea, there are defiles, through which Alexander led his army... Alexander, meeting with a stormy season, and being a man who in general trusted to luck, set out before the waves had receded; and the result was that all day long his soldiers marched in water **submerged** to their navels. Now this city too is Lycian, being situated on the borders towards Pamphylia, but it has no part in the common League and is a separate organization to itself."

THE HISTORIES OF POLYBIUS



“They [Carthaginians] much surpassed the Romans in speed, owing to the superior build of their ships and the better training of the rowers, as they had freely developed their line in the open sea... they either got in their rear or attacked them on the flank, and as the enemy then had to turn round and found themselves in difficulty owing to the weight of the hulls and the poor oarsmanship of the crews, they rammed them repeatedly and **sunk** many.”

Book 1, Chapter 51

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Connection to a burial (Romans 6.3-4)

Coming up out of water (Matthew 3.16)

Immersion (Acts 8.38-39)

