

A high-speed photograph of a blue water splash against a white background. The water is captured in mid-air, forming a crown-like shape with several droplets rising from the edges. The splash is filled with numerous small bubbles and air pockets. The word "Baptism" is written in a white, serif font across the lower portion of the splash.

Baptism



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1. Baptism is a step of obedience.



Acts 8:26-39 (NIRV)

²⁶ An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip. “Go south to the desert road,” he said. “It’s the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So Philip started out. On his way he met an Ethiopian official. The man had an important position in charge of all the wealth of the Kandake. Kandake means queen of Ethiopia. This official had gone to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸ On his way home he was sitting in his chariot. He was reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Holy Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot. Stay near it.”



Acts 8:26-39 (NIRV)

³⁰ So Philip ran up to the chariot. He heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you’re reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I?” he said. “I need someone to explain it to me.” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Here is the part of Scripture the official was reading. It says, “He was led like a sheep to be killed.

Just as lambs are silent while their wool is being cut off, he did not open his mouth.



Acts 8:26-39 (NIRV)

³³ When he was treated badly, he was refused a fair trial.

Who can say anything about his children?

His life was cut off from the earth.”

³⁴ The official said to Philip, “Tell me, please. Who is the prophet talking about? Himself, or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that same part of Scripture. He told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶⁻³⁷ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water. The official said, “Look! Here is water! What can stop me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the official went down into the water. Philip baptized him.



Acts 8:26-39 (NIRV)

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away. The official did not see him again. He went on his way full of joy.



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2. Baptism is a symbol our new life in Christ.



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3. Baptism is an announcement that we belong to GOD!