

When am I Ready to be Baptized?

- A. A *crowd* is a large number of people who may or may not have intentionally gathered together.
- B. An *audience* is a group of spectators who have gathered to listen or to view and are providing the opportunity to be heard or seen.
- C. A *participant* is a person who takes part in, has a share in, or participates.
- D. Let's use that understanding to answer a very important question: "When am I ready to be baptized?"

"When am I Ready to be Baptized?" Questions to Uncover the Answer:

- "Do I recognize my need for a _____?" (*Matt 5:3; Heb 11:6*)

- "Am I _____ for what I have done against God?" (*Matt 5:4; 1 John 3:4; Psa 51:4; 2 Cor 7:9*)

- "Am I willing to become a _____ with Jesus?" (*Rom 6:1-11*)
 - ⇒ "To welcome Jesus as _____ of my life?" (*Matt 5:5; 2 Cor 5:10; Acts 5:31*)

 - ⇒ "To develop a hunger and thirst for _____?" (*Matt 5:6; Heb 5:14*)

 - ⇒ "To _____ my allegiance to Jesus?" (*Rom 10:9; Matt 10:32*)

 - ⇒ "To answer the call to be _____?" (*1 Pet 1:13-15*)

 - ⇒ "To _____?" (*John 4:24; Rom 12:1-2*)

Answers to Common Concerns:

- "I'm not good enough yet to dedicate my life to Jesus." (*Rom 5:6-8*)

- "But what if I mess up and sin after I respond to the gospel?" (*1 John 2:1*)

- "Why should I become a Christian *now*? Can't I wait?" (*James 4:13-14*)

- "I'm not sure I know enough yet." (*Acts 8:26-39*)