

BAPTISM

common questions

What is
Baptism?

Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. Following a person's salvation, he or she may elect to go before the church community to be baptized in water as an outward profession of a decision to follow Jesus.

Baptism is a symbol. Being immersed in water and then raised up again represents the cleansing that occurs when we accept God's gift of salvation.

We baptize to follow Jesus' example. (Luke 3:21-22) Since Jesus was without sin, we often wonder why he was baptized. There are many schools of thought in answer to this question but we simply need to know: Jesus was baptized as an example of obedience to this important act. And now, we are baptized to follow his example.

We baptize because Jesus told us to. It is an act of obedience when we are baptized ourselves and baptize others in his name according to the instructions of scripture (see below for examples).

Why do we
Baptize?

Who can be
Baptized?

Anyone can be baptized after receiving God's gift of salvation. The Bible makes reference several times in the New Testament to those who first, acknowledged their sins and asked for forgiveness (received the gift of salvation) and then were baptized. (Matthew 3:6 + Acts 2:38)

There is no age requirement for baptism, however, it's important that we make a decision to accept Jesus and fully understand the meaning of baptism before taking this important step.

More Bible Verses about Baptism

Matthew 28:19 + 1 Corinthians 12:13 + Romans 6:3-4

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am i ready?

Have I made a decision to follow Jesus?

YES

NO

Am I ready to share my decision with our church community?

Am I ready to make a decision to follow Jesus?

YES or NO

YES or NO

Do I know what Baptism means?

Let's talk about it!

Let's talk and pray!

Let's talk about it!

YES or NO

You are ready to be baptized. Let's call pastor and set a date!



YOU HAVE BEGUN
TO LIVE A *new* life.

IN YOUR NEW LIFE
YOU ARE BEING
made new.

YOU ARE BECOMING
LIKE THE *one* WHO
MADE YOU. THIS NEW
LIFE BRINGS YOU THE
TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF
god.

COLOSSIANS 3:10 NLT

CERTIFICATE OF

baptism

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

WAS BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

ON

AT

BY

