



PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

A Review of the Meaning of Baptism

Please complete this review sheet in preparation for baptism. Parents should assist children in completing the review. Please talk with a member of the pastoral staff if you have questions about baptism.

Baptism is important, but it is not salvation. Baptism should be among the first steps of a new believer's walk in obedience to the Lord. The questions and answers below will help you more thoroughly understand baptism.

I. Who Should Be Baptized

- A. What should precede baptism (come before baptism) in a person's life?

Read Acts 8:36-39 (ESV excludes v. 37; see NASB, KJV), John 3:7, and Mark 16:14-16 and write your answer.

- B. Baptism is NOT part of a person's salvation. Salvation is a work of God and not of man.

Read the verses below and explain how we are saved.

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____

John 1:12-13 _____

Titus 3:5 _____

- C. Christ commanded baptism for believers. What are the four parts of Christ's teaching to believers in Matthew 28:19-20?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- D. The early church carried out Christ's command. Please notice what took place just before people were baptized.

1. Acts 2:36-40 _____

2. Acts 8:36-39 _____

3. Acts 16:30-34 _____

II. Why Believers Should Follow the Lord in Baptism

- A. Jesus set the example. What did He do? Why?

Matthew 3:13-17 _____

- B. What does Jesus command in Matthew 28:19-20?

- C. In the act of baptism, you are identified with Christ. What does baptism picture?

Romans 6:3-16 _____

- D. In Acts 2:36-42, carefully note how things happened.

1. Word preached

2. Conviction

3. Repentance and faith

4. Baptism

5. Membership

Remember –

Baptism is something a believer does **in obedience to the Lord's command.**

Baptism is a **testimony** to the world that you are following Christ.

Baptism is a means of **identification** with Christ and a **symbol** of union with Christ.

Baptism does not save you – God does that.

Baptism is only for those who have received Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior.