

WHAT IT MEANS

Baptism is a public declaration of your decision to follow Christ and live into the future with Him as the centre of your life.

The act of Baptism does not make you a follower of Christ; rather it is an outward demonstration of an inward decision you have made to accept His gift of forgiveness and eternal life. That experience is the reality to which baptism points (John 3:16)

When you are baptized, you are proclaiming that the person you used to be has died. When you are lowered into the water, it symbolizes that the “old you” has been crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6). When you are raised out of the water you are symbolizing that the “new you” has been raised with Christ, just as Jesus was raised from the dead (Romans 6:8).

What a powerful public statement your baptism can be!

Baptism does not add anything to what Christ has already done for you, nor is it a pre-requisite to heaven. Baptism is a symbolic act that points to your change of mind and heart-surrender in response to Christ’s love. It is the first step of obedience to God and a vital step forward in your spiritual growth as a follower of Jesus.

Baptism Application



APPLICATION

A passionate follower of Jesus Christ is someone who accepted the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ and who has decided to live the rest of their life for Him as Lord. Once you have decided to follow Jesus, the Bible indicates that baptism in water is the next step in your spiritual journey. (Acts 2:38; Matthew 28:18-20)

At The Christian Centre, we have baptismal services throughout the year. If you are interested in being baptized, please fill out this application form and hand it to an usher or the church office and you will be notified of the next baptismal class and baptismal service.

After reading this form and reading the words of Christ, I would like to take this step of obedience and be baptized in water.

(Please Print)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

When did you decide to follow Jesus? _____

Where did you make this decision? _____

Please hand in the application from to an usher or to the church office during the week Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00 pm or mail to:

The Christian Centre
2665 Runnel Drive, Coquitlam BC V3E 1S3
ccc.office@shaw.ca



INSTRUCTIONS

Your baptism is a very special day and we want to do all we can to make it a meaningful experience for you and for all those who will be present to share the moment with you! We encourage you to invite family and friends.

In order to make this day as smooth as possible, we ask that all participants attend a special one-hour class prior to the day of baptism, to clarify all the instructions about the baptismal procedures. You will be notified by the church office of the date and time of the class

On the actual day of your baptism, please arrive at the church 20 minutes prior to the service and meet in the church office. This will allow us to have a final time of prayer and be able to arrange the order of baptism and to give some final instructions.

We ask that everyone wear appropriate dark coloured clothing that can be worn into the tank and that will not be seen thorough when wet. Bring a change of clothing, towel non-slip foot wear, comb, hairdryer, and any other necessities you need for after the baptism.

YOUR STORY

We require that all baptismal candidates write out their story noting the people and events that God used to bring you to Him. The focus should be on what Jesus has done for you without too much emphasis on the negative detail of your past. Your story will be told at your baptism. Use the following story format to show the change Jesus has made in your life:

1. **My life before I accepted Christ** (actions, lifestyle, and thoughts that needed to be changed or differ from how your life is now)
2. **How I accepted Christ** (circumstance, defining moments and people that influenced your decision for Christ)
3. **My life now that I have accepted Christ** (What He has done for you; the changes you've experienced that makes your life different now).

Your story should be no more than one page or 200 words in length. Assistance in writing your story is available upon request. Testimonies need to be submitted to the church office two Sundays prior to the date of baptism at ccc.office@shaw.ca *Thank you!*