

Baptism is a visible sign of:

1) one's decision to make Jesus the Lord of his or her life and 2) a commitment to an ongoing personal relationship with Him. At the moment of baptism, a believer makes both a personal and public commitment to Christ.

Water Baptism Request

- I desire to be baptized in water.
- I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Please print the following information:

Full Name: _____
Address _____
Phone _____
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Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38



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Water Baptism

According to the New Testament

why?

The Meaning of Baptism

Baptism is a symbol of one's union by faith with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:34

Why Be Baptized?

We obey the Lord in baptism...

1. to follow the example of Jesus Christ.
"Jesus...was baptized by John in the Jordan..." Mark 1:9-11
2. to obey Christ. He instructed His disciples to:
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19
3. to identify with Christ in His death and His Life.
"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father; we may too live a new life." Romans 6:4
4. it is the pattern followed by the New Testament church. *"and many of the Corinthians who heard Him believed and were baptized." Act 18:8*

Who Should Be Baptized?

A careful study of the New Testament indicates that every believer should be baptized. In the Bible, a person first "repented" of sin (admitted sin and turned away from it) and "believed" in Christ and then was baptized.

The people who heard Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost asked, "Brothers, what shall we do?" and Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized every one of you..." Acts 2:37-38.

There response was, "Those who accepted his message were baptized." Acts 2:41

The early church obeyed the Lord's command in Matthew 28:19-20 to baptize those who came to Christ. Jews were baptized (Acts 2:41-42); Samaritans were baptized (Acts 8:12); Gentiles (non-Jews) were baptized (Acts 10:44-48; the Apostle Paul was baptized (Acts 9:18) to name a few examples. In all cases, belief in Christ and His finished work at the cross preceded baptism. "But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Acts 8:12.

When Should I Be Baptized?

There is no reason to delay. As soon as an individual confesses his or her faith in Christ, he or she can publicly identify with Christ in water baptism.

"Then Philip began with that very passage of scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water: Why shouldn't I be baptized?'...then both Philip and the eunuch went

down into the water and Philip baptized him." Acts 8:35-38.

"He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,—you and your household.' ...then immediately he and all his family were baptized." Acts 16:30-33

How Should I Be Baptized?

We believe in water baptism by immersion for the following reasons:

1. The meaning of the original word "baptizo" is to immerse, to dip, to sink, to submerge, to plunge. Every passage where the word occurs in the New Testament either requires or allows the meaning "immerse." See Matthew 3:6,11; Mark 1:5,9; Acts 2:41, 16:29-33.
2. Circumstances strongly indicate that there was always sufficient water to permit immersion to be practiced. See Mark 1:10; John 2:23; Acts 8:38-39.
3. It is keeping with the symbolism involved that we are "buried" with Christ in baptism. See Romans 6:3-4.

Church history supports immersion.

Martin Luther said, "I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the Word imparts and the mystery signifies."

John Wesley concurred, "Buried with Him, alluding to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church."

What if I Was Baptized as an Infant?

Many of us were baptized as infants which was the beginning of our faith journey. Yet most denominations that practice infant baptism also institute a second step in the process whereby an individual, when they are older, must confirm his/her faith after going through a confirmation or catechism experience.

The confirmation/catechism process concludes with a service whereby an individual stands before a body of believers and "confirms" their allegiance to God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, for many, confirmation was simply a ritual they went through and not a personal commitment to being a "full in" follower of Jesus Christ.

If that was the case for you then we encourage you to "confirm" your faith through full immersion baptism as this will complete the second step in your faith journey that began with your infant baptism.

Water Baptism

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