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WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED



BAPTISM

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT IT, BUT WHAT IS THIS WHOLE BAPTISM THING?

Baptism is the outward expression of the change that Jesus Christ has made inside of you. It is found numerous times in the Bible, even bookending the ministry of Jesus: modeled for us by Christ Himself at the beginning of His ministry in Mark 1:9, and the last command He gave to the disciples in Matthew 28:19. Baptism is not where you become a believer, but instead where you make a public statement of your relationship with Jesus. It is an outwardly symbolic event about a change that has happened inside your heart.

OKAY, SO NOW I KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In many ways, the rich meaning of baptism is as deep as the ocean. Yet, it is simple enough that a child can understand. Here are a couple things to know about baptism:

1) The physical act of being submerged under water represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:3-4)! That event is what brought us freedom from sin, which is why it's such a big deal to celebrate!

2) The act of baptism also shows that we died to our sins and our way of living life without Jesus (Romans 6:4) and that those sins have been washed away! Being raised out of the water is like being raised to new life in Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17)!



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ALL THAT MAKES SENSE, BUT HOW DO I KNOW IF I SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Now we know that baptism is not what saves you, it simply shows you trust that Christ's sacrifice on the cross accomplished salvation for you. That's why we hold to the truth that baptism should follow believing, and that every believer should be baptized! It's possible that you were sprinkled with water as a child, and it's great that your parents dedicated you to the Lord in that way! From what we can tell in the Bible, however, baptism was always a choice that someone made after salvation and involved being submerged under water. We encourage kids/students to wait until they are at least 12 years old so that they will remember this decision with greater clarity when they are older.

If you follow Jesus but haven't been baptized, whether you just made that decision today or you've followed Him for decades, baptism is right for you! If you would like to talk to a pastor about being baptized or if you have any further questions at all, you can send an email to office@churchexperience.tv and we'll get in contact with you!



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