



There is a book in the Bible called 2 Corinthians and in chapter 5 there is a verse that I wanted to share with you. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.”** When we give our lives to Jesus we become brand new. That’s You! Right Now!

However, if you’re like most people you might be thinking, “Now what do I do?” At Summit, a phrase we use a lot is the phrase “Next Steps”. What we mean by that is that Jesus leads us in our relationship with Him one step at a time. So what is your Next Step? I want to point you to one:

### **Baptism is Your Next Step.**

Here’s a few common questions people have about Baptism:

**What exactly is baptism?** Baptism is the *first thing* Jesus tells us to do after we become a Christian. Baptism shows that Jesus has saved us & we want to live for Him.

**Does Baptism save us?** Baptism doesn’t save us. It’s often said that Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality. So while Baptism doesn’t save, it shows to the world that we are.

**Why do we baptize by immersion?** Because that is what the word baptism literally means, to immerse. Going under the water symbolizes dying to our old way of life and coming out of the water symbolizes the new life that Jesus gives us and our desire to live for Him.

**Who should be baptized?** Anyone who has given their life to Jesus. Baptism isn’t for perfect people. It is for people who have been forgiven by Jesus. If you were baptized before you gave your life to Jesus, we would recommend you consider getting baptized again to

go in the proper order of salvation then baptism. If you were baptized in a previous church that did baptism by immersion and did not consider it essential for salvation, you do not need to be re-baptized at Summit. If your previous church did teach that baptism was essential for salvation, we would love to have a conversation with you about the true meaning of baptism.

**Does baptism make me a Partner (member) of Summit?** No. In order to become a partner at Summit we ask everyone to attend our Partnership Event.

A great principal for you to learn as a new Christian is **Quick Obedience**. That simply means to do whatever Jesus tells you to do fast. Many people wait a long time to be baptized. I want to encourage you to not wait, but to quickly do what Jesus is calling you to do! We will contact you soon about Baptism and just to check on you. We are praying for and excited about this new journey you are beginning with Jesus.