

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.

Acts 2:36-40 _____

Acts 8:36-39 _____

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.

Checklist for Baptism Day

- Clothes (shorts/t-shirt) to wear under gown
- Large towel
- Plastic bag for wet clothes & towel
- Please arrive in the changing area by 10:15 AM on the Sunday of your baptism
- Dressing Rooms – Rooms C203 & C205