

“ THOSE WHO ACCEPTED HIS MESSAGE WERE BAPTIZED ... THAT DAY!”
- ACTS 2:41

“ 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?” AND HE GAVE ORDERS TO STOP THE CHARIOT. THEN BOTH PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER AND PHILIP BAPTIZED HIM.” - ACTS 8:35-38



WHAT IF I WAS BAPTIZED AS AN INFANT?

Some churches baptize infants. At Crosspoint we don't. We only baptize those who have made a decision to believe in Christ's death as a payment for their sin. In the Bible, men and women were baptized following their belief in Jesus. Therefore, if you were baptized as a baby, we encourage you to be baptized by immersion as a believer.

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

If so, talk to a Pastor or Elder, and we'll determine a date to celebrate baptisms at an upcoming Sunday service.



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BAPTISM

WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO RESPOND

"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 6:4

BAPTISM is a public profession of your faith in Jesus Christ. It is about “going public” with your faith, and it’s the next step after your salvation.

“ 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 6:4

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism literally means to “dip under water.” It carries the picture of clothing being dipped or immersed into a dye. A cloth is dipped into a vat long enough to soak in the color of the dye. Once this process is done the cloth is pulled out of the vat now resembling the color of the dye.

When Jesus died on the cross, His blood was shed for mankind. His blood cleansed sin’s curse. Baptism is a symbol demonstrating that a believer in Jesus has been buried in Christ, raised to a new life in Him, and desires to grow to become more like Him.



When a believer in Jesus Christ gets baptized, he is proclaiming a commitment to follow Jesus as Lord. It demonstrates a washing away and repentance from sin. Baptism is a sign to others that one’s allegiance is pledged to God, not self. It identifies one with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection. A believer does this in order to take on the likeness and attitude of Jesus - just like dye colors garments. When one is baptized he is choosing to take on the character and traits of Jesus.

“ THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME!”
- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

KEY POINT - BAPTISM DOES NOT MAKE YOU A BELIEVER, IT DEMONSTRATES THAT YOU ALREADY BELIEVE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT BAPTISM DOES NOT “SAVE” YOU. YOU ARE “SAVED” ONLY BY YOUR FAITH IN JESUS.

“ FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.” - EPHESIANS 2:8-9



BAPTISM IS AN OUTWARD SIGN OF AN INWARD COMMITMENT.

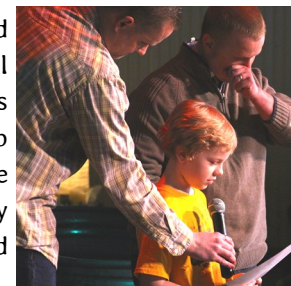
WHO IS BAPTISM FOR?

Baptism is for those who have already made a decision to follow Jesus and have accepted His offer of eternal life and forgiveness of sins. Baptism is for those, who by choice, have decided to follow the example of Jesus and be submitted to His Lordship in every area of their life.

WHY IS BAPTISM IMPORTANT?

Baptism is important because it symbolizes or proclaims what Jesus has done in our life. It is a sign or covenant distinguishing a believer. The old sinful life is buried and the new life – abundant, eternal life, the life Jesus Christ offers in God (John 10:10), is made alive inside you! When one is brought out of the water at baptism, it symbolizes this new life with Christ.

When you are baptized, it demonstrates your old sinful nature being buried; it no longer has control over you. Now you are in Christ. Jesus Christ is your new life; He gave you the Holy Spirit to help you walk in His ways. You received your new life at the time of your salvation. Baptism simply demonstrates publicly that inner conversion and desire to live for the Lord.



WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, and when you understand what baptism is and what it demonstrates, you can and should be baptized. There is no reason to delay. If you wait until you are “perfect” you will never be ready.