

Baptism

Real Hope | New Life | Lasting Purpose

My next Step






John 1:12-13 (NIV)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.



Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.



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1. Why should I be baptized?

a) **It is an act of obedience to Christ's command.**

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

b) **Because it shows that you are a believer.**

Acts 18:8 (NIV)

Many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

c) **Because obeying Jesus' command shows you have relationship with Him.**

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

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 6:12 (NIV)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

**Baptism
doesn't make
you a believer;
it shows that
you already
believe.**

**Baptism
doesn't save
you; only your
faith in Jesus
does that.**

**Baptism is the
outward symbol
of an inward
commitment of
the heart.**

2. Why be baptized under water?

The word 'baptize' means to "go under" in water. The Greek word 'baptizo' means to immerse or dip under water. The English word 'baptism' is a transliteration of the word 'baptizo.' Baptism best symbolizes a burial and resurrection.

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

Acts 8:38-39 (NIV)

And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

3. Who should be baptized?

Every person who is a believer in Christ.

Acts 2:41 (NIV)

"Those who accepted His message were baptized..."

Acts 8:13 (NIV)

"Simon himself believed and was baptized."

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

"...Repent and be baptized..."

Baptism talked about in the Bible is only for those old enough to believe. We wait until children are old enough to believe and understand the meaning of baptism before we baptize them. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.



4. When should I be baptized?

As soon as you have believed!

Acts 2:41 (NIV)

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

We should not delay being baptized. As soon as we have decided to receive Christ into our lives, we should be baptized. If we wait until we think we have become perfect or are good enough, we'll probably wait forever.

Checklist

Have you...

Asked Jesus into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour?

Asked for forgiveness and want to turn away from sin?

Decided you want to obey and follow Him?

Decided you want to be baptized and feel God is asking you to?

**If you could check of all of these... then yes
Be Baptized!**

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Next Steps

- 1. Check out the date and details of baptisms coming up!**
- 2. And get prepared to answer the following questions.
(more details below)**
 - a. Tell us your story (ex: how did you begin to follow Jesus? How has your life changed since you began to follow Jesus?)**
 - b. Why do you want to get baptized?**

You will then be contacted and scheduled with a Pastor to come in and film your answers to these 2 questions. The total length of this video will be around 30 seconds to 1 minute.

What to expect on the day of your baptism:
We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to service, so we can meet you at the Connect Desk and show you where we will be meeting during the hosting portion of the service for your baptism. We will have a t-shirt for you to wear, please wear dark shorts or pants for bottoms. And make sure to bring a towel.

Planning your Testimony

Write out a short form version of your story

A quick statement of what your life was like before Christ.

How you came to Christ

Your life after coming to Christ

A verse that speaks into your life.

Why do you want to get baptized?

**We are so excited that you are making this decision!
We are praying for you!**



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