

BAPTISM



WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the act of a BELIEVING Christian who wants to publicly confess their personal commitment to Jesus Christ. It is the symbolic washing away of one's old sinful past and the RISING again to live a LIFE God's way. The act of baptism can be defined as an outward expression of an inward commitment.

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

Baptism illustrates Jesus' BURIAL and RESURRECTION.

"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised from the dead." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." (Colossians 2:12)

Baptism illustrates NEW LIFE as a Christian.

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." (Romans 6:4)

Baptism DOES NOT make you a Christian.

Baptism shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you or make you right with God, only your faith in Jesus does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart.

WHY DO WE GET BAPTIZED?

We are baptized in order to follow Jesus' example and to obey His command.

"One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus Himself was baptized..." (Luke 3:21)

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)



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WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you believe! There is no reason to delay! As soon as you have put your faith in Jesus, His person and His work, for a right relationship with God, you may follow with baptism.

HOW DOES CORNERSTONE BAPTIZE?

We baptize by IMMERSION, which means to be placed completely under water. We baptize by immersion for three reasons:

1) Jesus was baptized that way.

"As Jesus was coming up out of the water..." (Mark 1:10)

2) Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

"He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Phillip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." (Acts 8:38-39)

3. The Greek word for "baptized" is "baptizo" and it literally means to dip an object into water or other liquid, not to have the liquid put on the object.

WHAT IF I WAS BAPTIZED AS A BABY?

This is a great question! Since baptism is meant for those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ we encourage you to be baptized as a follower of Jesus.

I WANT TO GET BAPTIZED!

If you are wanting to follow the example of Jesus and obey His command to be baptized, please let us know! You can let any of our Pastors know your desire as well as your Life Group Leader. You may also make your desire for baptism known by contacting us through the church app or website.

