

BAPTISM



WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

To follow the example set by Christ.

- *Mark 1:9 - In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

Christ commands it.

- *Matthew 28:19-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

It demonstrates that I really am a believer.

- *Acts 18:8 - Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.*
- *1 John 2:3 - And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.*

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

- *1 Corinthians 15:3-4 - For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...*
- *Colossians 2:12 - ...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

It illustrates my new life as a Christian.

- *2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*
- *Romans 6:4 - We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*
- *Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
- Baptism does not make you a believer - **it shows that you already believe.** Baptism does not "save" you; only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring; it's the **outward symbol of the commitment** you made in your heart.

WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

Jesus was baptized that way.

- *Matthew 3:16 - And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him...*

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

- *Acts 8:38-39 - And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.*

The word "baptize" means to "dip under water".

- The Greek word *baptizo* means "to immerse or dip under water."

It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection!

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has believed in Christ!

- *Acts 2:41 - So those who received his word were baptized...*
- *Acts 8:12 - But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*
- *Acts 8:13a - Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip.*

Children should be old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have believed!

- *Acts 2:41 - So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*
- *Acts 8:35-38 - Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

AT THE BAPTISM SERVICE...

- Please dress modestly
 - Boys: t-shirt & shorts
 - Girls: t-shirt & shorts over swimsuit
- Bring a towel
- Bring a change of clothes
- Invite family & friends
- Think about what you'd like to say!

If you believe your child is ready and desiring baptism, please email **dbKids Director Bradley:**
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