

When should someone be baptized?...

- Baptism should take place when one has placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
- Baptism should take place when a believer has decided in their heart to repent of their sins and to live to please God. Baptism is not for perfect people, it is for people who need forgiveness and who desire to change.
- Baptism should take place when a believer has confessed Jesus as Lord.
- Baptism is for people who want to begin a relationship with Jesus, not for those who simply want to become members in a church.

*The Bible teaches **in the Book of Acts** that to avoid hell and gain heaven one must...*

Believe in Jesus as Savior (16:31); **Repent** of sins (17:30); **Confess** Christ (8:37); **Be Baptized** in water (2:38); **Live a Christian life** (14:22); **Be active in church** (2:47)

Want to be baptized?...

If you want to be baptized the Bible way, we stand ready to help. People who wish to be baptized can do so in a public or private service. We prefer public because of the example and blessing that others receive from your obedience.

If you have any questions, please call any of our pastors and we will be thrilled to discuss this with you!

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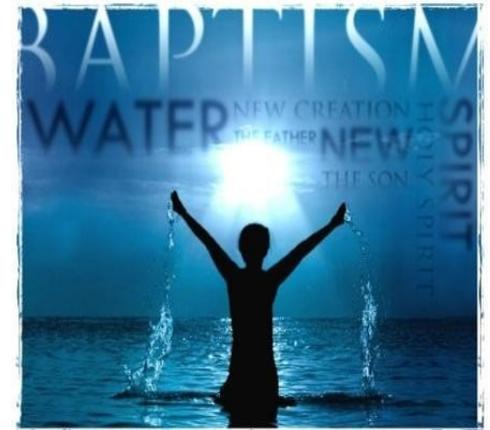
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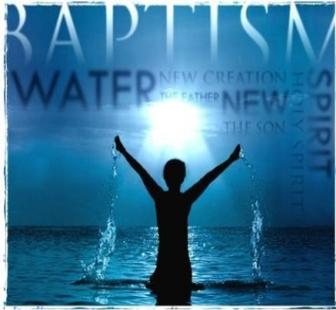
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Be Baptized



*“Those who accepted His message were baptized and about 3,000 were added to their number.”
Acts 2:41*

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Salvation

We believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to save us from the eternal penalty of our sin – separation from God. No amount of good works or human effort can restore us from our state of eternal alienation from God. It is only by God's grace that we are saved from this state of alienation, and this grace is appropriated by a change of heart toward God's authority in our lives and by faith in Jesus to forgive our sins.

The Biblical pattern for expressing one's personal decision to place faith in Jesus Christ and turn from sin involves water baptism by immersion, which re-enacts the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Baptism is the concrete means by which we entrust and commit ourselves to God through Christ in a visible, historical moment.

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Baptism is a Greek word meaning 'to immerse, to plunge under, or to submerge'

- **Matthew 3:13-16** - Jesus was baptized and He is our example.
- **Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:16** - Jesus commanded it and He is our Lord.
- Every recorded conversion in the NT included baptism. **Acts 2:38-41; 8:5,12; 8:26-40; 9:18; 16:15 – 34; 16:16-34; 19:1-5; 22:16**
- **Romans 6:4** - To "live a new life" in Christ.
- **1 Peter 3:21** - It is the appeal to God for a clear conscience and it saves.
- **Galatians 3:27** - To "put on Christ."
- **Matthew 28:18-20** - It is the mark of a disciple.
- **Acts 9:18 & 22:16** - The Apostle Paul was baptized.
- **Acts 2:38** - For the "forgiveness of sins."
- **Acts 2:38** - To "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Have you really been baptized?...

Our hearts have rejoiced at the baptism of several persons who as infants or children, had their heads touched with water in a ceremony that was called baptism. Some were formerly "Christened." The Bible knows of no such ceremony. This decision was made by parents and not by the infants.

Some people have been formerly baptized but only by 'sprinkling'. Again, no hint of this can be found in the Word of God.

Some were baptized into a local church for membership rather than baptized into Christ for remission of sins.

Others were immersed when children, but feel they did not understand its meaning.

If you fit into any of these categories, and are interested in Bible baptism, please study the scriptures:

Acts 2:38; Acts 8:36-39; Acts 10:47; John 3:5,23; Matthew 3:16; Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:12