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## **Getting Baptized**

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### **What is baptism?**

Baptism is the act of a BELIEVING Christian who wants to publicly confess his or her personal commitment to Jesus Christ. It is the symbolic WASHING AWAY of one's old, sinful past and the RISING again to LIFE, God's way. The act of baptism can be defined as an outward expression of an inward decision.

### **What does baptism mean?**

Baptism illustrates Jesus' BURIAL and RESURRECTION.

*"Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said."* 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NLT

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, NLT

Baptism does not make you a Christian. It is a demonstration that you already believe. It is important to understand that baptism does not "save" you. You are "saved" only by your faith in Jesus.

### **Why do we get baptized?**

To follow the example set by CHRIST and because Christ COMMANDED it.

*"One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River."* Mark 1:9, NLT

*"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, NLT

### **When is a good time to get baptized?**

As soon as you BELIEVE! THERE IS NO REASON TO DELAY. As soon as you have decided to trust Christ with your life, you can and should be baptized. If you're waiting until you're perfect, you'll never be ready.

*"Those who believe ... were baptized ... that day!"* Acts 2:41, NLT

Call our office: (937) 886-0737 to find out when our next baptism is.

Praying for your growth!  
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