

# WATER BAPTISM

## What is the meaning of Water Baptism?

- 1) It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection  
Col 2:12 "Having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."
- 2) It illustrates a new life as a Christian  
2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!"

## Who should be baptized?

Every person who believes in Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:12 "But when they believed in Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

## When should I get baptized in water?

- 1) After one has sincerely repented of their sins?  
Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized..."
- 2) After we believe and trust in Christ's death and resurrection for our salvation.  
Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

**There is no reason to delay being baptized.** Once you receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait to be "perfect", you'll never feel "good enough." If you have repented and you know that Jesus is your Lord, you should be baptized.

## Why should I be baptized?

- 1) To follow Christ's example.  
Mark 1:9 "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan."
- 2) To Follow Christ's commandment  
Mark 28:19,20 "...go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..."
- 3) To demonstrate that "I am really a believer."  
Acts 18:8 "...many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized..."

## Why be baptized by immersion?

- 1) Because Jesus was.  
*Matt 3:16 "As soon as Jesus was baptized he went up out of the water."*
- 2) Because every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

*For example, Acts 8:38-39 "...then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..."*

3) Because the Greek word for "baptize" means "to dip under water."

Immersion pictures the death of the believer to the old nature (going down into the water), and the resurrection of the new nature in the believer (coming up out of the water).

### **What should I bring?**

- 1) Wear dark colored shorts or pants
- 2) A total change of clothes
- 3) A Towel
- 4) A plastic bag for your wet clothes
- 5) Your family and friends to share in the bold step and declaration of Faith

### **What we provide**

- 1) We will give you a shirt to be baptized in that is yours to keep.
- 2) We will provide a place for you to change out of your wet clothes.