

Our English word 'baptize' comes from the Greek word 'baptizo' which means to immerse or dip something in a liquid.

What does the Bible say about Baptism?

The Bible tells us several reasons why we as followers of Christ should be baptized in water:

Christ's Example - Matthew 3:13-17

- * To fulfill all righteousness
 - * To set a standard for His people to follow
- Jesus clearly showed us the manner or pattern to follow in baptism
- ~ Not as an infant (Luke 2:22) but by total immersion (Matthew 3:16)

Christ's Commandment - Matthew 28:19-20

- * Jesus commands the church to make disciples of all the nations
- * Jesus taught in scriptures that we should make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Practice of the Disciples - John 4:1-3

- * It was the practice of the disciples to baptize in water all those who followed Jesus

How were people Baptized in the Bible days?

- * By being completely immersed in water. (Mark 1:5, 10) John the Baptist baptized people by immersing them right in the Jordan River. When Philip baptized the eunuch, "they both went down into the water..." (Acts 8:35-38)
 - * In the New Testament the pattern was for people to.....(Acts 2:37-41)
 - ~ Hear the gospel
 - ~ Repent and believe
 - ~ Be baptized in water
 - * Water baptism took place upon conversion
 - ~ Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41)
 - ~ Philip at Samaria (Acts 8:12)
 - ~ The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:36-38)
 - ~ The Apostle Paul (Acts 9:18)
 - ~ Cornelius' House (Acts 10:46-48)
- (Their believing is implied by Acts 15:7-9)

What is the Significance of Baptism?

- * The Spiritual Significance - Romans 6:3-10.
- * Dead to sin - Alive to God.
- * Buried with Christ - Risen with Him to new life.
- * A funeral service for the "old man".
- * An OUTWARD act of an INWARD experience.
- * Not salvation in itself.
- * MUST be by TOTAL IMMERSION.

Application for Baptism **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Date: _____

Name of Person being Baptized:

M or F

Address

Apt./Unit #

City

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone

Email: _____

If under 18 please have both parents/guardians sign giving consent for your Baptism.

Signature of Parent/Guardian 1

Signature of Parent/Guardian 2



Some Final Questions

Do you desire to be identified as a follower of Jesus Christ?

Do you desire to turn from sin (repent) unto Jesus Christ?

What should I do?

- * Spend some time in prayer considering your decision and read these verses Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 6:4.
- * Fill out the Application form and hand it in to the Information Centre, or the Church Office, no later than 5 pm on the Thursday prior to the Water Baptism Sunday.
- * Attend the mandatory Baptism preparation class at 9:00 am in the Board of Counsel Room on Baptism Sunday.
- * Call one of the Pastors or church office at (905) 725-6568 for more information.

Summation

- 1 Christians are baptized in water because of Christ's example, Christ's commandment, and the teaching and practice of the Early Church.
- 2 Jesus died on the cross to free us from both the penalty of sin and the power of sin in our lives.
- 3 When we are united to Christ by faith, we die to sin's power in our lives and are free to live for God.
- 4 Water baptism symbolizes our union with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection and thus it portrays the fact that we are dead to sin and alive to God through Christ.



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Should I be Baptized?

Matthew 28:19-20

