

After you begin your relationship with Jesus, it starts the process of a life long relationship with God. That relationship involoves a continual process of getting to know Jesus and taking next steps in your relationship. In the book of Acts, in the Bible, the very first step to reflect this desire in your life to follow Jesus, was through baptism.



Biblical baptism.



Baptism is like a wedding ring - it is the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart, and that of inner change.



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

1.It illustrates Jesus' death, burial and resurrection "Christ died for our sins... he was buried... and he rose again." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were raised with Christ." Colossians 2:12

2. Its a living picture of my new life as a follower of Jesus. See Romans 6:4

Baptism doesnt make you a follower of Jesus, it demonstrattes that you already have decided to follow Jesus. It is important to understand that baptism does not secure a relationship with God. That relationship with God happens only by grace through your Faith in Jesus and what he did for you on the cross. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... It is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

I'VE GOT QUESTIONS...

Q: Why baptism by immersion?

Definition: Immersion (being "dunked" under the water)

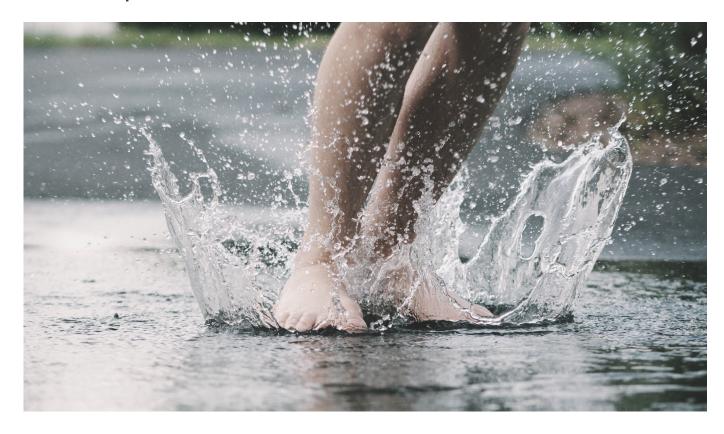
A: Jesus was baptized that way in Matthew 3:16 Every Baptism in the Bible was by immersion Acts 8:38-39

The Word "Baptize" Actually means "to dip under water" Immersion best symbolizes a death and resurrection.

"If anyone is a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. "The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Q: What if I was baptized as an infant?

A: In the Bible men and women were baptized following their belief in Jesus. We believe that baptism is far those who have made a personal decision to trust Jesus alone for their salvation. An infant, although treasured by God, is not yet caable of making that decision. Infant aptism is a ceremony intended ro emphasize a commitment between the parents and Go, on behalf of the child. During the ceremony, the parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child us old enough to make his own personal decision about Jesus.





At Hope Community Church we belive that baptism is a vital step in your walk with Jesus.



WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTISED?

It follows Jesus' example (Mark 1:9)

We are baptizes because JEsus expected it & it demonstrates the we're really following his lead. (1John 2:3)

It is an act of obediance as Jesus said "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spitiy, and teaching them to obey everything i have commanded you. and surely i am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

As soon as you have decided to follow Jesus by personlally accepting what he did for you on the cross, you can be baptized.

"Those who acccepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41