

THINKING ABOUT

Baptism?

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Day 1

Bible References

- [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)
- [Colossians 2:12](#)
- [Romans 6:6-8](#)

Thoughts for today

If you're reading this Bible Plan, you're likely either curious about baptism, are already planning to be baptised, or maybe just got baptised and still have questions. That's why we're going to spend the next few days hearing what the Bible has to say about baptism and why it's important.

First, there are a couple of significant things to know:

1. Baptism isn't what saves you.

Baptism is an outward sign of a change that's already happened inside your heart. You can still follow Jesus without being baptised, and if you've accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour, you'll spend eternity with Him, even if you don't get baptised. In Ephesians 2:8-9, Paul reminds us we're not saved by any good works—including baptism—but only by grace through faith in Jesus.

2. Baptism is a symbol.

For a married couple, wedding rings are an important symbol. A wedding ring tells everyone that they're married, but the wedding ring isn't what made the couple married. In fact, if one of them loses their wedding ring, they're still married! Baptism is the same way. It's a symbol that we belong to Jesus, and we've committed our lives to Him.

Now you know what baptism is. Tomorrow, we'll cover why we should get baptised.

Challenge

Spend a few minutes in prayer today and ask God to continue to reveal His love for you.

Day 2

Bible References

- [Matthew 3:13-17](#)
- [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

Should I actually get baptised?

That question might be running through your head right now—and that's okay! Baptism is an important next step in our faith journey, and it's one we shouldn't take lightly.

Baptism is all about going public with your faith. If you've committed your life to following Jesus, it's time to go public. If you're a follower of Christ, here are two reasons you should get baptised:

1. Jesus was baptised, and He wants us to baptise others

In Matthew 3:13-17, we learn about the time when Jesus Himself was baptised before He started His ministry on earth. If the Son of God pursued baptism, so should we. Later, Jesus told us in Matthew 28:18-20 He wants us to spread His message of love. He told us to continue baptising and being baptised!

2. You have decided to follow Jesus and you want people to know about it.

Making the decision to become a follower of Christ is the best decision you'll ever make. When you make a life-changing decision like this, you want to tell everyone about the new hope you've found in Jesus! Our faith should be personal, but not private. Baptism is about going public with your faith.

Today we talked about two important reasons you should get baptised. Tomorrow, we'll talk about what happens once you've made the decision to go public with your faith through baptism.

Challenge

If you've decided to get baptised, tell a trusted friend or pastor about your decision. They'll be so excited to celebrate with you!

Day 3

Bible References

- [Acts 22:16](#)
- [Galatians 3:26-27](#)
- [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

Thoughts for today

Have you ever been to a wedding where there were a lot of joyful tears, dancing, great food, and cake? Weddings are a celebration of a commitment between two people who have decided to spend their lives together. The wedding isn't what made the happy couple fall in love—the wedding happens because they love each other.

That's what baptism is like—a party. Now that you've decided to follow Jesus with your entire life, it's time to celebrate!

So, what should you expect?

When we're baptised, we're reminded of what Jesus did for us. When we go down into the water, we're reminded of Jesus' death on the cross and His payment for our sins. But when we come out of the water, we're reminded that three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us if we're in Christ, we're new creations. Baptism reminds us the old is gone, and the new has come!

Remember

getting baptised is important, but not because it saves you. The grace of God through faith in Jesus is what saves you. Getting baptised is all about telling the world about the change that's already happened inside of you.

Challenge

If you've decided to take the next step to be baptised, make sure you invite your friends and family to celebrate with you!

We would like to thank Life.Church for providing this plan. It is available on the YouVersion App as a 3-Day plan. (www.bible.com "What is Baptism? A 3-day plan to prepare or decide")