

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

-Romans 6:4

Bethel Church

945 Main St
Penticton, BC
V2A 5E3

Phone: 250.493.3911
Fax: 250.493.7744
Email: info@betheltab.ca
Web: www.betheltab.ca

Bethel

Water Baptism

YES, I want to get baptized!

Name

Email

Phone

Tear off this portion of the brochure and drop it in the offering or in at the Welcome Desk. A pastor will contact you shortly.

What is water baptism?

The word “baptize” means “to dip” or to “immerse.” To be baptized is to make a public declaration of your decision to follow Jesus.

It is not a means of salvation. Salvation comes through repentance and belief in Jesus, and then baptism follows as a symbol of those actions (see Acts 2:38, 8:26-38).



Who should be baptized?

All who have repented of their sins and accepted Jesus as their Lord and saviour should be baptized (see Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:38)

When should I get baptized?

Baptism is not a symbol of Christian maturity; it is a symbol of the beginning of the Christian life. Therefore there is no need to wait a specific period of time before getting baptized. You can become a Christian and get baptized a few minutes later (see Acts 8:34-38).

We normally have one or two baptism services every year. We'd love to include you in the next one.

Why do we do it?

1. Out of obedience to Jesus' command (Matthew 28:19-20).
2. To follow the example of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17).
3. As a public identification with Jesus and his church (Matthew 10:32-33).
4. As a symbol of the change that has occurred in us when Jesus came into our lives (Romans 6:4-5).

- a. *Washing* away our sins (we enter as we are and come out clean)
- b. *Death* to our old self (immersion represents being buried at death)
- c. *Resurrection* from death to new life (coming out of the water as a new person)
- d. *Walking* in newness of life (we walk out of the water into a new lifestyle)

5. To demonstrate a good conscience before God (1 Peter 3:20-21).
6. To demonstrate our commitment to follow and serve God (Romans 6:4-14)

I want to get baptized...what do I do?

Great! We would love to meet you. If you want to get baptized please fill out your information on the tear off page of this brochure. A pastor will contact you shortly to tell you about the next step.

You can also read through all of the passages that are referenced in this brochure to make sure you have a good biblical understanding of the decision you're making

What to bring to your baptism

- A large towel and extra clothing.
- A dark coloured shirt and pants or shorts to wear in the water.



What will happen after?

Expect God's blessing in your life. He always blessed steps of faith and obedience (Isaiah 1:19)

Expect to feel freedom (Romans 6:16)

Expect an increase in faith as a result of your public confession (2 Corinthians 9:13)

Expect spiritual attack (potentially doubt or negative circumstances). Our enemy doesn't like it when we obey God, but we can overcome him! (James 4:7)

