

Thinking About Baptism?



We are so excited you are considering being baptized. Take time to read the following and if you have any questions contact Rusty or your small group leader.

Why Should I Be Baptized?

To follow the example of Jesus.

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. (Mark 1:9)

Because Jesus Commanded it.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

It is what Peter told people to do in the first sermon when the church began.

When the people heard this, they were deeply upset. They asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter answered them, "All of you must turn to God and change the way you think and act, and each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins will be forgiven. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit as a gift." (Act 2:37-38)

Why Be Immersed?

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. (Matthew 3:16)

What's the Meaning of Baptism?

It illustrates Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. (Colossians 2:12)

It illustrates a Christian's New Life.

When we were baptized into his death, we were placed into the tomb with him. As Christ was brought back from death to life by the glorious power of the Father, so we, too, should live a new kind of life. (Romans 6:4)

Who Should Be Baptized?

Every Person who Believes:

1. Jesus is the Christ the son of God.
2. They are lost and cannot do anything to earn their salvation and are in need of a Savior.
3. Understands that baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

