

## How are we to be Baptized?

- 1 Like Jesus was baptized—by being immersed in water.

*“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.” Matthew 3:16*

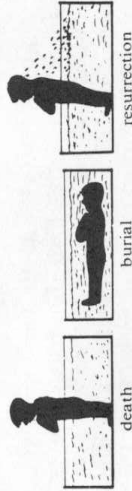
- 2 Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion under water.

*(for example) “...then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...” Acts 8:38,39*

- 3 The New Testament Greek word “baptidzo” literally means “to dip” under water.

- 4 Immersion is the best way to picture a burial and resurrection, and the other precious meanings listed. The founders of denominations agree:

### THE METHOD OF BAPTISM



**Martin Luther:** “I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies.”

**John Calvin:** “The word ‘baptize’ signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church.”

**John Wesley:** “Buried with Him, alluding to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church.”

## The Priorities of our Life and Fellowship:



celebrating our new life in Christ  
cultivating our personal growth in Christ  
caring for each other in Christ  
communicating the gospel of Christ.

# Acts 2:42-47

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Baptism is to be the initial and joyful step of a person’s identification with Jesus Christ.

# Being Baptized



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# Being Baptized...

# What Does the Bible Teach?

# Baptism

We endeavor to Magnify the Lord by bringing people to Jesus Christ and Membership in His family, seeking to develop them to Christ-like Maturity, equipping them for their Ministry in the Church...and their life Mission in the world!



For in the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

## What is the meaning of Baptism?

It is a symbol

**1 of what we believe about Christ—His 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 also raised with Christ.”

Colossians 2:12

**2 It is a symbol of what Christ has done in us in giving us new life.**

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside (new creation). The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

“By our baptism then we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead, we also might live a new life!”

Romans 6:4

**3 It is a picture of being fully and forever included in the family of God.**

“For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body” ...

1 Corinthians 12:13

**4 It illustrates the total cleansing from sin through Christ.**

“He saved us by the washing of rebirth...” “...be baptized, wash your sins away [by] calling on his name.” “the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all



## Why should I be Baptized?

**1 Because God commanded it.**

Jesus said, “Go, then, to all nations and make them my disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:19-20

“...repent and be baptized...”

Acts 2:38

**2 Because it identifies you with Christ as He identified with us.**

“Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.”

Matthew 3:13

**3 Because it shows you personally are a believer in Christ as Lord and Savior.**

“...many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.”

Acts 18:8

**4 Because obeying Christ’s command shows you know and love Him and are serious about Him.**

“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.”

1 John 2:3

**5 Because obeying Christ’s command will enable His further blessing in your life.**

**6 Because it uniquely declares salvation that is available exclusively in Christ, giving witness to one’s faith in a public way.**



## Who should be Baptized and When?

**1 Every person who has made the decision to believe in and follow Christ.**

“Those who believed and accepted his message were baptized.”

Acts 2:41

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

Acts 8:12

“Simon himself believed and was baptized.”

Acts 8:13

**2 The single requirement for baptism is belief in Christ! This is “believer’s baptism.” We, therefore, do not baptize children until they are old enough to understand and believe.**

**3 When? After personally trusting Christ as Savior. When we are prepared to live as a fully-devoted follower of Christ.**

**4 When we understand the symbolism, union with Christ in burial and resurrection, and realize that it does not contribute to the reception of the gift of salvation.**

**5 Adults and children should talk to a Pastor.**

Since membership follows baptism, a membership class will be involved. Baptism procedures are clearly instructed. “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and ...[then] added to their number that day.”

Acts 2:41

Baptism does not make you a believer; it shows that you already are one! Baptism does not “save,” only Christ does as you trust Him. Baptism is like a wedding ring—it is the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

“For by grace you are saved through faith...it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8,9

## Obedience



Love

Joy