



**THE
HOME
CHURCH**

BAPTISM CLASS

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM?

For the last 2,000 years those who place their trust (“faith”) in Jesus, to save them from their sins, display their faith through the sacrament of water baptism.

Baptism is not a requirement in order to go to Heaven. (See Luke 23:39-43)

Baptism does not help a sinner go to Heaven nor does, the sacrament itself, bring God’s favor or blessing (See Ephesians 2:8-9)

So why do we get baptized?

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT BAPTISM?

1. Baptism is a _____ of Obedience

Matthew 28:16-20

Being a follower of Jesus means you acknowledge Jesus is the One who has the foremost authority on Heaven, Earth, and over your life. Being a Christian means that you recognize Jesus as the Savior and King.

So, we joyfully get baptized out of _____ to Jesus’ authority & word.

2. Baptism is a Demonstration of Commitment

Baptism was not something that could be conveniently done. It was meant to test one’s commitment to Jesus as their King.

This is why baptism was done _____, not privately. (Jordan River)

Baptism is a _____ (outward display) of commitment to follow Jesus.
i.e. Gangs “jump in” new members to *test* their commitment to the gang.
i.e. A wedding ring is a visible symbol of commitment to a spouse.

So, we joyfully get baptized to show an unashamed _____ to Jesus as King.

3. Baptism is a Declaration of New _____ & _____

Matthew 3:13-17

The Greek word “*Baptizmo*” = “_____” or “*submerged*”

Just as you will be physically submerged in water, you are also desiring to be *spiritually* submerged in the things of God.

Jesus was baptized at the age of 30. This would be the moment Jesus _____ His identity as Messiah and began His purpose for which He came.

So, we joyfully get baptized to embrace our identity as children of God and followers of Jesus. We want to fully immerse ourselves in our identity and purpose as Jesus-Followers.

4. Baptism is a Display of the _____

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The message of the Gospel (“Good News”) is that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again.

Jesus: Death -----> Burial -----> Resurrection

Us: Dry -----> Immersed -----> Rise Up Wet

So, we joyfully get baptized to showcase the very _____ of the Cross. Baptism is an outward display of what Jesus did, on our behalf, to save us from our sin.

5. Baptism is a Direction-_____ of the Individual

Acts 2:37-42

Throughout the New Testament, there is a _____ between baptism and repentance.

“Repentance” is a “change of _____ that results in a change of _____”

Repentance is “changing one’s direction” from being a “*slave of sin*” to becoming a “*slave of _____*”

Romans 6:1-14

So, we joyfully get baptized to declare our desire to “_____” against the sin that once dominated our life.

6. Baptism is a Door to Joining the THC Church _____

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Becoming a follower of Jesus means being brought into the “Universal Church” as well as committing to a “Local Church”.

This is why the THC family will be fully present to celebrate alongside you! You are being brought into our church family! We are excited about this!

It doesn’t matter how different we are (v.13). If we commit to repentance and trust Jesus, alone, to save us from sin; we are forgiven, individually, and brought into a church, corporately.

It is, God’s will, for you to use your gifts (v.14) to serve THC and be deeply connected to the members here (vv.25-26). You are an indispensable part of the THC family and we are an indispensable part for you (vv.21-22).

So, we joyfully get baptized to join the THC _____ and be part of building up and _____ this church.