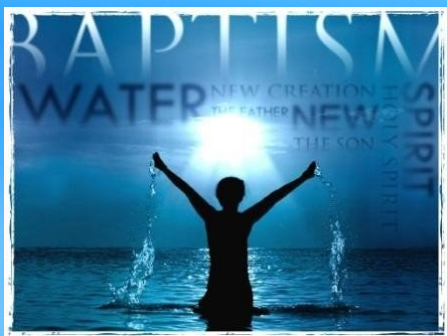



What is the process of being baptized at The Turning Point?

- We have men and ladies changing rooms in our baptistery area.
- You will be escorted by a staff member to the changing room and shown an appropriate-sized robe that you will wear during your baptism.
- You will be given privacy to change and then you will step out into the baptistery area.
- You will be seated in the baptistery and the minister will pray over you.
- He will then help you position your hands and will immerse you in the water speaking the name of Jesus Christ.
- Once you have been baptized you are welcome to pray while remaining in the water, or you can exit the baptistery where the staff member will have a towel for your convenience.
- You will then be able to change back into your clothing.
- You will be given a certificate to commemorate this event.
- To contact our ministry staff for more information please visit our website www.turningpointnashville.com



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Why do I need to be baptized?

Baptism is a key step in the plan of salvation. Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost that baptism is the second action in the order of salvation (*Acts 2:38*). Jesus also confirmed this when He said that with baptism you would be saved (*Mark 16:16*). He also told Nicodemus that he would have to be born again of the water to enter the kingdom of heaven (*John 3:5*).

What is the Biblical principle behind baptism?

When you are baptized you are following the example of Christ in His death (*Romans 6:3*). Through the death of Jesus Christ, and the shedding of His blood, we were given the ability to be free from sin (*Romans 6:4-7*). Through the act of baptism you are symbolically following Jesus through the experience of death, without which there can be no resurrection (*Colossians 2:12; I Peter 3:21*). Baptism is the place where your sins are washed away (*Acts 22:16*).

How should I be baptized?

The word baptize comes from the Greek word “baptizo” which defined means “to dip or immerse in liquid”. We know that Jesus, our example, was immersed in water during his baptism because the scripture says that He went up “straightway out of the water” (*Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10*). When Philip

baptized the Ethiopian eunuch the Bible says they both “went down into the water” (*Acts 8:38*). By being immersed in the water, you also follow the example of truly being buried.



What name should be spoken over me at baptism?

Jesus sent the disciples into the world and commanded them to baptism in the “name” of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost (*Matthew 28:19*). We can see that the name of the Father was Jesus because He told the Jews He had come in “His Father’s name” (*John 5:43; John 17:11*). There is no dispute that the name of the Son is Jesus Christ (*John 20:31; I John 5:13; Luke 1:31*). The Bible also proves that the name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus (*John 14:26*). So the Biblical translation of *Matthew 28:19* is that if you are baptized in the name of Jesus then you are in obedience to this



scripture, as this is the “name” that is common to all of these titles. Father, Son and Holy Ghost are simply titles of the man Christ Jesus, just as one person can hold several positions in life (*father, son, husband, friend*). But only with the use of a person’s name is their authority released (*signing of checks, signature on legal documents*). Peter was very clear when asked about the name that should be applied at baptism (*Acts 2:38*). We are instructed that whatever we do, both in word or deed (*the act of baptism*), we should do it all in the name of Jesus (*Colossians 3:17*).

Do the Biblical examples uphold this formula?

When Philip preached to the Samaritans they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (*Acts 8:12; 16*). When Peter preached to the household of Cornelius they also were baptized in the name of the Lord (*Acts 10:47-48*). Paul re-baptized the disciples of John after he realized they had not been baptized in the name of Jesus (*Acts 19:3-5*).

Since Jesus is the one who died and rose again for our sins, it is only appropriate that we take on His name and follow His example of death through baptism (*Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27*).

What happens after baptism?

Immediately following your baptism, you will feel clean and new (*II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4*). However, because this is a step in the plan of salvation, Satan will try and get you to stop your spiritual process here. The example of Christ tells us that after his baptism, he was immediately tempted by Satan (*Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 4:1*). You will need to guard your life by doing the following things: (1) Read the Bible each day, (2) Spend time in prayer, (3) Surround yourself with godly people and (4) attend services regularly to receive the strength of the body of Christ.



How do I get baptized at The Turning Point?

- You can see one of our ministers or a member of our Connect 2 ministry.
- They will make sure that you have received knowledge of the importance and purpose of baptism.
- They will then let you know the day that you will be baptized, so that you can invite friends and family to attend this life-changing event.

