

BAPTISM GUIDE



WHY BE BAPTIZED?

THOSE WHO ARE BAPTIZED ARE FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE AND OBEYING HIS COMMAND.

- AS SOON AS JESUS WAS BAPTIZED, HE WENT UP OUT OF THE WATER. AT THAT MOMENT HEAVEN WAS OPENED, AND HE SAW THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE AND ALIGHTING ON HIM. AND A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID, 'THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED.' MATTHEW 3:16-17
- "THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID, 'ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.'" MATTHEW 28:18-20

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM?

WATER BAPTISM IS A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THREE VERY IMPORTANT THINGS:

- YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST.

"THOSE WHO ACTED HIS MESSAGE WERE BAPTIZED." ACTS 2:41

- YOU ARE BEGINNING A CHANGED LIFE IN CHRIST.

"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 TO MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE." ROMANS 6:4

- YOU ARE PART OF A NEW FAMILY.

"SO, IN CHRIST JESUS, YOU ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH, FOR ALL YOU WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE CLOTHED YOURSELVES IN CHRIST." GALATIANS 3:26-27

WHY BAPTISM BY IMMERSION?

- WE BAPTIZE BY IMMERSION BECAUSE THAT IS THE METHOD WE SEE IN THE BIBLE WHEN BAPTISM TAKES PLACE.
- AFTER HIS BAPTISM, JESUS CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER. MATTHEW 3:16
- ONE DAY JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE, AND JOHN BAPTIZED HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. MARK 1:9
- AT THIS TIME JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS BAPTIZING AT AENON, NEAR SALIM, BECAUSE THERE WAS PLENTY OF WATER THERE. JOHN 3:23

IF I WAS BAPTIZED AS A BABY/CHILD, SHOULD I GET RE-BAPTIZED?

THAT DECISION IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU. AS YOU LEARN ABOUT BAPTISM AND ITS BIBLICAL MEANING, YOU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER GETTING BAPTIZED AGAIN AS AN ADULT IS THE RIGHT STEP FOR YOU.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW IF I'M READY?

- MAYBE YOU THINK YOU NEED TO GET YOUR LIFE IN ORDER BEFORE YOU PUBLICLY DECLARE YOUR FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM. HOWEVER, THE BIBLE MAKES CLEAR THAT REPENTANCE AND TURNING TO GOD ARE ALL THAT'S NEEDED BEFORE CHOOSING TO BE BAPTIZED.
- PETER REPLIED, "EACH OF YOU MUST REPENT OF YOUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS." ACTS 2:38

CAN MY CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

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