

Baptism

Baptism Defined:

- Baptism is the public expression of the new life in Christ that was experienced inwardly when you trust Christ as Savior and Lord.

Why Should I be baptized?

- To follow the example set by Jesus
 - “At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.” Mark 1:9
- Because Christ commanded it.
 - “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...” Matthew 29:19
- It demonstrates that I am really a Christian.
 - “...many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” Acts 18:8
 - “We know that we have to know Him, if we obey His commands.” John 2:3

What is the meaning of baptism?

- It illustrates Christ’s burial and resurrection.
 - “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - “having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.” Colossians 2:12
- It illustrates my life as a Christian.
 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- It does not make you spiritually reconnected with God; belief in and a relationship with Jesus does.
 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

Why be baptized by immersion?

- Because Jesus was baptized that way.
 - And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him. (Matthew 3:16)
- Every baptism in the New Testament was by immersion.