

BAPTISM

WHY GET BAPTIZED?

- You want to follow Christ's example. **Matthew 3:13-17**
- Christ commanded it. We commit to obey everything He commanded. **Matthew 28:19-20**
- It shows you are a believer. **Acts 18:8**
- Obeying Christ's command shows you know Him. **1 John 2:3**

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

- Every person who has made the decision to follow Christ can and should be baptized! **Acts 2:41; Acts 8:13**
- The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ! It's important for a person who is getting baptized to understand what it means to be a Christian.
- We need to understand...
 - That God loves us.
 - That we have all sinned.
 - That Jesus died for us.
 - That we can choose to live for Him!

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

- The word "baptize" means "to dip under water."
- Baptism tells a story...
 - It shows your church that your old self was buried with Christ, and your new self has been raised to life in Him. **2 Cor 5:17**
 - It is a symbol of, or tells the story of, Christ's burial and resurrection. **1 Cor 15:3-4**
 - It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian. **Romans 6:1-4**

WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO/NOT DO?

The blue ribbon received when winning a race does not make you the winner. It instead shows people who the winner is. In a similar way, baptism does not make you a Christian. It won't give you special powers, and it won't make God love you more. It instead says, "I've made a choice in my mind and heart to love Jesus, and I want everyone around to know." It shows your faith in Christ to your church.

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