**Next Steps: Water Baptism**

**Why Should I be Baptized?**

**Baptism shows your life has changed…**

Baptism is an outward, public demonstration to the world of what has happened inside a believer. Going into the water symbolizes the death and burial of the old, sinful nature ([Romans 6:3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+6%3A3&version=HCSB)). Coming out of the water symbolizes being raised with Christ into new life and freedom from sin ([Romans 6:4, 7).](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+6%3A4%2C+7&version=HCSB) By faith, we believe our old selves died and Christ now lives in us.

**Baptism tells God you will obey Him…**

Baptism is the first test of obedience for followers of Jesus. When you follow Him in baptism, you tell everyone through your actions that you are dead to sin. It no longer has any control over you because you have begun the new life Jesus has for you ([Romans 6:8-14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+6%3A8-14&version=HCSB)).

**Questions to Consider**

1. According to [Galatians 2:20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=galatians+2%3A20&version=HCSB), what happened to your old self when Jesus saved you?
2. Read [Romans 8:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+8%3A9&version=HCSB). Does sin have the power to control you? Whose Spirit now lives in you?
3. Read [Matthew 3:13-16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+3%3A13-16&version=HCSB). Why did Jesus submit to baptism even though He never sinned?

**Call to action…**

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