

# A Note From Our Pastor

You are about to embark on a study of one of the most meaningful and important aspects of the Christian life: baptism. For more than two thousand years, followers of Jesus Christ have willingly and faithfully submitted themselves to being baptized into Jesus Christ.

This FAQ's is designed to offer clear and straightforward answers about the most commonly asked questions people have about Christian baptism. In developing an understanding about this subject, it is important to study the passages in the New Testament which actually deal with and address baptism.

In putting this guide together, the foundational question we have asked is: *"What does the Bible say and teach about baptism?"* Therefore, we've included the text of many of the Scriptures about baptism for you. Other Scriptures are simply referenced by book, chapter, and verse. To receive the most from your study, we encourage you to read each passage cited.

One question you may have up front is this, ***"When I'm ready for baptism, what is my next step?"*** Our process for guiding a person to the moment of their baptism has been designed to be both simple and meaningful. Please go to the [Baptism page](http://JourneyRVA.com/baptism) on our website (JourneyRVA.com/baptism) to engage in that process and to schedule your baptism.

In **Psalm 119:18**, King David prayed, ***"Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from your instruction."*** At the beginning of a biblical study on baptism, prayer is certainly appropriate! As you begin your study, we invite you to bow in prayer and pray something along these lines:

*God, I humbly ask that You would open my mind and my heart to what Your Word teaches about baptism. As I study, may You direct my thoughts and give me insight into the Scriptures I will be reading. May my heart be receptive and responsive to the leading of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.*

May God bless you on your journey!

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