



BAPTISM FAQs

What is the purpose of baptism?

Baptism is a symbol of your decision to follow Jesus — a public proclamation of your faith. Salvation does not come from baptism. Salvation only comes from placing your faith in Him. When you are baptized, it is a beautiful picture of His death, burial, and resurrection and how you have placed your faith in Jesus alone.

“Therefore, we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.” — Romans 6:4

Who can be baptized?

Those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of their sins are candidates for baptism. That is why we refer to it as “believer’s baptism” — an expression of your belief in His message and your decision to accept it.

“Those who accepted his message were baptized ...” — Acts 2:41

Can children or students be baptized?

Yes! Children and students can be baptized if they have placed their trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of their sins. Parents or legal guardians are involved in the process when connecting with a staff member about taking the next steps and guiding the child or student through the process.

Why is baptism by immersion?

When baptism is talked about in the Bible, the Greek word used is baptizo — meaning to “dip” or “immerse” under water — and several descriptions of baptisms suggest that people were immersed (Matthew 3:6, John 3:23, Acts 8:38). Finally, immersion best illustrates the believer’s identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:1-11, Colossians 2:12)

“... [they] went down into the water, and he baptized him.” — Acts 8:38