

# My Child is Interested in Baptism - Now What?

## What We Believe About Baptism

Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, obligatory upon every believer, to be unto the party baptized, a sign of their fellowship with Him, in His death and resurrection; of their being engrafted into Him; of remission of sins; and of giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life. It properly follows intelligent profession of faith and is prerequisite to church membership. The outward element to be used in this ordinance is water, wherein the party is to be baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Immersion, or dipping of the person in water, is necessary to the due administration of this ordinance.

*Matt. 3:16, 28:19,20; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27; Mark 1:4; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 8:36-38, 18:8, 22:16; John 3:23*

## Discussing Baptism With Your Child

Here are some questions that you can use to discuss the sacrament of baptism with your child:

### ***What does the word “sacrament” mean?***

The word “sacrament” refers to a Christian ceremonial act that has been ordained by Christ. It is also acceptable to use the word “ordinance”.

### ***How many sacraments are there?***

Two.

*Matthew 28:18-19*

***What are they?***

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

*Matthew 28:18-19a/1 Corinthians 11:23,26*

***Who appointed these sacraments?***

The Lord Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 28:18-19a/1 Corinthians 11:23,26*

***Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?***

To distinguish His disciples from the world and to comfort and strengthen them.

*Matthew 28:18-19/1 Corinthians 11:23,26*

***What is the proper mode of baptism?***

Immersion in water.

*John 3:23*

***What does baptism represent?***

Our being cleansed from sin and our union with Christ.

*Romans 6:3*

***In whose name are we baptised?***

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

***Who should be baptized?***

Believers only.

*Acts 2:38-41*

***What are the duties of those who are baptized?***

To join a local church and to walk blamelessly in all the commandments of the Lord.

*Romans 6:4*

## **Your Child May be Ready to be Baptized When He/She Can Answer the Following Questions with Full Understanding:**

1. Why do you want to be baptized? What is the reason?
2. What does getting baptized mean? Why do we do it?
3. What will you do differently after baptism? How will your life change?