

Baptism: Frequently Asked Questions

What Is the Meaning of Baptism?

The Bible likens baptism to Christ's burial and resurrection.

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."

Colossians 2:12

"...all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin."
Romans. 6:3-7

Baptism doesn't save us but it is part of the "new life" we are to experience in Christ.

Why Be Baptized?

The Bible has four main reasons for us to be baptized:

1. Obedience (Matthew 28:17)
2. A sign of entering covenant (Colossians 2:11-12)
3. A spiritual, sacramental event (Romans 6:4)
4. A testimony and commitment

Why Be Baptized by Immersion?

Because Jesus was baptized that way.
Matthew 3:16

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion. *Acts 8:38-39*

The word "baptize" and the Greek word from which it is translated means to "to immerse or dip under water."

Immersion best symbolizes a burial and resurrection.

Who Should be Baptized?

Every person who has believed in Christ as Lord and Savior.

"Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized..."
Acts 2:41

"Simon himself believed and was baptized..."
Acts 8:13

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."
Acts 8:12

Can My Family and Friends Be Baptized Together?

If each person understands the meaning of baptism and has personally put faith in Christ for salvation, families may be baptized at the same time. However, it is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family or group tradition. Don't delay your baptism while waiting on others to join you.

When Should I Be Baptized?

As soon as you have believed.
Acts 2:41; Acts 8:35-38