

E. When should I be baptised?

As soon as you have believe

Those who believed . . . were baptized ... that day. Acts 2:41

So Philip began with this same Scripture and then used many others to tell him the Good News about Jesus. As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptised?" He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water. and Philip baptised him. Acts 8:35-38

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptised. If you wait until you are 'perfect', you'll never feel 'good enough'!

Will I have to say anything?

You are encouraged to give a brief testimony, or have written statement printed in the bulletin. At the beginning of the service, the Pastor will briefly explain the meaning of baptism. You will wait at the edge of the water for your turn to be baptized. The Pastor will introduce you, briefly lower you just under the water, and then you can leave the pool, dry off, and watch the others

Later you will be given a certificate of your baptism. We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

BEING BAPTISED

A. Why should I be baptised?

1. To follow the example set by _____.

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and he was baptised by John in the Jordan River. Mark 1:9

2. Because Christ _____ it.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt 28:19-20

3. It demonstrates that I really am a _____

Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and all his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also became believers and were baptised. Acts 28:8

And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments. 1John 2:3

B. What is the meaning of baptism? 1. It illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection

" ... that Christ died for our sins ... He was buried, and he was raised from the dead." 1Cor 15:3-4

"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptised. And with him you were raised to a new life ..." Colossians 2:12

2. It illustrates my _____ as a Christian

What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same any more, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4

Baptism doesn't make you a Christian - it shows that you already believe.

Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

God saved you by his special favour when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9

C. Why be baptised by going under the water?

Because was baptized that way.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water. the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. Matthew 3:16

2. Every baptism in the _____ was by immersion .

(Example) '...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptised him and they came up out of the water ... ' Acts 8:38-39

The word "baptise" means "to _____". The Greek word *baptizo* means "to dip under water "

There are other symbols of baptism - sprinkling and pouring - but it is the best symbol for burial and resurrection.

D. Who should be baptised?

Every person who has _____ in Christ.

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

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

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

In our church, a person must be a Christian and have been baptized before they become a member of our church.