

Baptism – Dying to Sin, Living for God

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Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Since you are a new creation in Christ,

1. Stop walking in continued sin (1-4)
 - a. The grace of God does not give us a license to sin all we want.
 - b. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. (1 John 3:9 ESV)
2. Study the Gospel (5-8)
 - a. We have spiritually been united with Jesus in his death and resurrection.
 - b. In light of what Jesus has done, our old self is being brought to nothing and we are no longer enslaved to sin.
3. Stand firm in His resurrection power (9-14)
 - a. The resurrection of Jesus gives us present power to overcome sin.
 - b. Jesus now has dominion over us – not sin!

Frequently Asked Questions about Baptism:

Why should I be baptized?

1. To follow the example set by Christ. (Mark 1:9)
2. Because Christ commanded it. (Matthew 28:19-20)
3. Because it demonstrates that I really am a believer. (Acts 18:8, 1 John 2:3)

What is the meaning of baptism?

1. It is a picture of Jesus' burial and resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Colossians 2:12)
2. It is a picture of my new life as a Christian. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
3. It is important to remember that baptism doesn't make you a believer, it demonstrates that you already believe. It's also important to understand that baptism does not "save" you. You are "saved" only by your faith in Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Why be baptized by going under water (immersion)?

1. Because Jesus was baptized that way. (Matthew 3:16)
2. Every baptism in the Bible was by going under water. (Example: Acts 8:38-39)
3. The word baptize actually means to "dip under water"
4. Going under water best symbolizes a burial and resurrection. (Romans 6:4)

Who should be baptized?

1. Every person who has believed in Christ. (Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12-13)

When should I be baptized?

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

<p>If you need to schedule a baptism, call the Church Office at 407-859-1130</p>
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