

BAPTISM

1. What is water baptism?

There are many steps we take in our Christian walk with Jesus Christ. You have already taken the most important step of all in receiving Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. According to the Word of God, you are now a child of God. Your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life.

Water Baptism expresses outwardly, what has already taken place in your life inwardly, when you made the decision to follow Jesus. It represents the cleansing of our past life and our sins, and expresses our desire to start fresh in our new found relationship with Jesus.

2. What does baptism represent?

Romans 6:1-4

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? 3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 4 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.

3. Why should we get baptised?

Matthew 28:19

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

4. When can you get baptised?

Acts 8:35-38

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. 36 As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! What can stand in the way of me being baptized?” 38 He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Finish the following sentences:

I know I needed Jesus because...

I know I am saved because...

I knew I had been changed when...



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Statements:

Before you get baptised, the leader who is baptising you will ask:

Leader:

Do you know Jesus loves you and died so that you could be forgiven?

You: I do.

Leader: Do you love Jesus with all your heart, soul, strength and mind?

You: I do.

Leader: I now baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Everyone: **Huge applause and celebration!**

Your Story:

Before you get baptised we would love for you to share your story as to what God has done in your life.

Option 1 - Questions

A leader will stand up on stage with you and ask you these two questions:

1. How has your relationship with Jesus impacted your life?
2. Why have you chosen to get baptised?

Option 2 - Testimony

Share a 3 minute testimony (around 600 words), that includes the story of God's grace in your life. To help you write your story, think about what you were like before you met Jesus and how your life has changed since receiving Jesus and His forgiveness. How were you living? What or who was influential in you finding Jesus?

Practical Information:

What to Wear: Please bring **shorts** and a **dark coloured T-Shirt** to wear whilst getting baptised. You will also need a **towel** and change of clothes! You will have time on the night to get changed into your shorts and T-Shirt before you get baptised.

When to Arrive: We would love for you to arrive at at **5pm** on the Sunday night so we can pray with you and go through any more details.

Who You Can Invite: Parents, friends, relatives, grandparents, teachers, neighbours; **anyone** you wish!

