

Baptism

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For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ like putting on new clothes. Galatians 3:26-27

Question: What is baptism?

Answer: Baptism is the act of showing others that you love and follow Jesus. We like to say when you get baptized, you are putting on Jesus' jersey to show you are a part of His team!

Question: Who should be baptized?

Answer: Anyone who has accepted Jesus into their heart and has asked for forgiveness of their sins! (Acts 22:16)

Question: How do I know if Jesus has forgiven my sins and that I can be baptized?

Answer: Before being baptized you first need to ask Christ into your heart. We call this a prayer of Salvation. In your prayer you ask for forgiveness from your sins, declare that Jesus is Lord, and tell God that you want to live for Him. Remember God knows your heart, there are no magic words. Just invite Him into your life, let Him know how much you love Jesus, and are thankful for His sacrifice for you! (Romans 6:23, 1 John 1:9)

Question: Is it important for us to be baptized?

Answer: Yes! God wants us to be baptized, just like Jesus! (Matthew 3:15)

Question: Do you have to go underwater to be baptized?

Answer: Yes! When we are baptized, we are a visual of how Christ died on the cross, was buried, and rose again. When we die to our sins (we change from our ways before), we are buried under the water, and rise again to show what has already happened to our souls when we asked Jesus into our hearts. (Romans 6:3-5)

Question: Does the water have anything special in it?

Answer: Nope, we do not have any magical water! Baptism can be done in any water (pool, lake, river, etc.) Baptism is just a living picture of what happens to us when we give our lives to God.

Question: Does baptism mean I will get to spend eternity with Jesus in Heaven?

Answer: No, Jesus forgiving your sins does! That is why it is so important to say the prayer of Salvation. (Acts 4:12)

Question: When should I get baptized? When do I know I am ready to be baptized?

Answer: Being baptized is a HUGE decision and a big step in your relationship with God! Once you have asked for forgiveness and are living for Jesus, you then get to pray and talk with a trusted adult about when you feel ready to take this step. God loves us even as He patiently waits, however, do not let nerves or fear stop you from showing the world how much you love God!