



Baptism doesn't make you a believer—it shows that you **already believe**. Baptism does not “save” you; only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring—it's the outward symbol of what has already taken place in your heart (Eph 2:8-9).

### WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION

1. Because **Jesus Christ** was baptized that way.  
*“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” Matthew 3:16*
2. Baptism in the **New Testament** was by immersion.  
(Example) *“...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...” Acts. 8:38-39*
3. The word “Baptize” means, *“to immerse”* or *“dip under”* water.

### BAPTISM BY IMMERSION BEST SYMBOLIZES A BURIAL AND RESURRECTION!

The founders of denominations agree:

**Martin Luther (Lutherans)**... “I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed as the work imports and the mystery signifies.”

**John Calvin (Presbyterians)**... The word ‘baptize’ signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church.”

**John Wesley (Methodists)**... “Buried with Him alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church.”

### OTHER MODES OF BAPTISM

Under certain circumstances the Elders will recognize other modes of baptism such as sprinkling and pouring of water.

### WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has **believed** in Christ.

*“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*

### BUT I WAS CHRISTENED AS A BABY!

We believe the Bible teaches that children should be spiritually mature enough to both believe, and understand the true meaning of baptism, before we baptize them. The purpose of baptism is to publicly confess your personal faith in Christ.

We do not christen (baptize) babies, but we will do a Baby Dedication ceremony upon request. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began 300 years after the Bible was completed.

### WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have **believed!**

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

*“Then Philip began with the Scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, “Look, Here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now.” Philip said, ‘If you believe with al your heart, you may.’ The man answered, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ so they went down into the water and Philip baptized him” Acts. 8:35-38*

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have trusted Christ as your Savior, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect” you'll never feel “good enough”!

## Baptism Application

Please return your completed application to the church office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. On a scale from 0 to 100% sure, how confident are you that you would spend eternity with God if you died today? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you died and God were to ask you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” what would you say? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What, in your opinion, is the meaning of baptism? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why do you want to be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Have you ever been baptized by immersion before? \_\_\_\_\_  
When (year)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How would you like your name to be printed on your baptism certificate? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parents' signature (if under 18)  
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