

# Baptism



# WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the act of a **BELIEVING** Christian who wants to publicly confess their personal commitment to Jesus Christ. It is the symbolic **WASHING AWAY** of one's old, sinful past and the **RISING** again to **LIFE**, God's way. The act of baptism can be defined as an outward expression of an inward decision.

## What does baptism mean?

Baptism illustrates Jesus' **BURIAL** and **RESURRECTION**.

*"Christ died for our sins ... He was buried ... and He rose again." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Baptism illustrates **NEW LIFE** as a Christian.

*"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a **NEW LIFE**." Romans 6:4*

Baptism does not make you a Christian. It is a demonstration that you already believe. It is important to understand that baptism does not "save" you. You are "saved" only by your faith in Jesus.

## Why do we get baptized?

To follow the example set by **CHRIST** (Mark 1:9) & because Christ **COMMANDED** it. (Matthew 28:19-20)

## When is a good time to get baptized?

As soon as you **BELIEVE!** **THERE IS NO REASON TO DELAY!** As soon as you have decided to trust Christ with your life, you can and should be baptized. If you're waiting until you're perfect, you'll never be ready.

*"Those who believe ... were baptized ... that day!" Acts 8:35-38*

## Want to get baptized?

Feel free to talk to any CSM leader or contact the church office for more information. Don't wait, let's do this!