

1. Who should be baptized?

Every person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

A. **Admit that you are a sinner**—that you are not perfect and God cannot allow anyone imperfect into heaven.

B. **Believe that Jesus died, rose from the grave and provides the only way for you to get in heaven.** You can't earn it or get to heaven any other way; He is the Son of God Who died for you.

—I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me. —spoken by Jesus in John 14:6

C. **Choose to follow Jesus for the rest of your life.** Once you have believed it in your heart, you need to choose to live your life for Him. Tell God (in your own words) that you want Jesus to not just be your Savior, but also to be your Lord (or Leader). He wants you to live a life that honors Him—with the mission of leading other people to Him and into heaven.

2. Why should I be baptized?

A. **To follow the example set by Christ.**

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened —Luke 3:21

B. **Because Jesus told you to.**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.

—Matthew 28:19-20

3. What is the meaning of baptism?

A. **It illustrates your new life as a believer.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. —2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life. —Romans 6:4

B. **It illustrates Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.**

For I delivered to you first of all, that which I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures. —1 Corinthians 15:3

C. **Baptism doesn't make you a Christian**, only your faith in Christ does that.

D. **Baptism is like a wedding ring** — it's the outward sign of the commitment you have made in your heart.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. —Ephesians 2:8-9

4. Why be baptized by immersion?

A. Because Jesus was baptized this way.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately out of the water.

—Matthew 3:16

B. Every baptism in the Bible was this way. (See Acts 8:38-39 for example)

C. The word "baptize" means "to dip under water, to submerge."

D. It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection. (See Romans 6:1-11)

5. What about young children?

The New Testament shows no example of baptism when the candidate did not request it. All instances of baptism followed an individual's decision to trust Christ alone for their salvation (Acts 2:41; 8:12; 10:47-48). At Vision, we wait until the child is old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. When a child makes a decision for Christ, we gladly baptize them into the Christian faith.

6. What should I wear & expect at a baptism?

You will want to wear a dark pair of shorts/pants and a dark shirt that cannot be seen through when wet. You will need to bring a towel and change of clothes and other accessories you may need (hair dryer, make-up, etc.).

At most services involving baptism, we will have music and a message, followed by baptism at the end of the service. You can choose any other Christian to baptize you; you can list that person on the info sheet you fill out.



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