

## WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

Baptism is a visible sign of a) one's decision to make Jesus the Lord of his or her life and b) a commitment to an ongoing personal relationship with Jesus. At the moment of baptism, a believer makes both a personal and public commitment to Christ.

*"...We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:34b*

## WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Baptism demonstrates a person's loyalty and obedience to Jesus. This is backed by scripture:

### 1. Jesus commanded it.

*"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all the people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey all I have commanded you.'" Matthew 28:19-20*

### 2. Jesus set the example

*"At that time, Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river." Mark 1:9*

### 3. To identify with Christ in His death and His life.

*"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4*

### 4. It is the pattern followed in the New Testament

*"...many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized." Act 18:8*

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## OUR MISSION:

*We are a people  
making a world of difference  
one life at a time.*

## Our Values:

*Know the Difference*

*Know God. Know God's Word.*

*Be the Difference*

*Be intentional. Be available.*

*Live the Difference*

*Live to serve others. Live "Out Loud."*



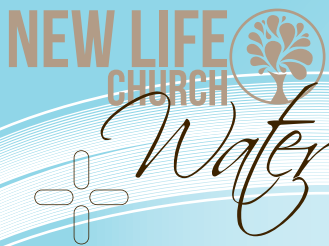
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at New Life Church

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# Water Baptism

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

A careful study of the New Testament indicates that all believers should be baptized. Any person who commits his life to a relationship with Christ should be baptized. In the Bible, a person first repented of sin, believed, and was baptized. The people who heard Peter's message on the day of Pentacost asked, "What shall we do?" Peter answered, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you" Acts 2:37-38

*"Those who believed and accepted his message were baptized." Acts 2:41*

## WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as an individual confesses their faith in Christ, water baptism is the next step. There is no waiting period. As soon as a person receives Christ as their Lord and Savior they can and should be baptized as a testimony that the old ways of living and thinking are being transformed into a new life, which is pleasing to Christ. New Life Church provides regular times during our Sunday gatherings for baptism. If you would like to know when the next baptism is scheduled, contact the church office.

## HOW IS WATER BAPTISM DONE?

Baptism by immersion in water is supported by Scripture. During baptism a person is briefly lowered just under the water. The meaning of the original Greek word, "baptizo" means "to immerse." Baptism by immersion is in keeping with the symbolism that the believer is "buried" with Christ.

## CAN MY CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

New Life Church will baptize children if they have made a knowledgeable decision to give their lives to Christ and are old enough to be able to understand and explain what this means and why they want to be baptized. For most children, this is not possible before 12 years of age, although there are exceptions if a child can clearly demonstrate understanding and can describe the salvation experience in their own words. We do not baptize infants or small children. We do however offer baby dedication for infants and small children whose parents desire to dedicate their children to the Lord. This follows the example of Mary and Joseph. "Now when the days of her purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord." Luke 2:22

## IS BAPTISM NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

Baptism is not necessary for salvation. It is a public confession of the work of salvation that has already taken place in the life of the believer. A person is not saved because they get baptized. They are baptized because they were saved and want to declare their salvation publically.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9*

## DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF NEW LIFE CHURCH?

A person does not have to be a member in order to be baptized, although the pastoral leaders at New Life Church would prefer that anyone who is baptized is attending our church gatherings on a regular basis and considers New Life Church their home church. We would like to encourage anyone who has recently made a commitment to Christ here at New Life Church to be baptized as soon as possible, even if they haven't been in attendance very long.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION...

If you would like more information about water baptism, fill out this card and place it in the offering or give the card to one of our ushers.

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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

When did you begin attending New Life Church?

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Please describe when and how you received Jesus Christ as your Savior and how He has changed your life.

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\_\_\_I have read the Baptism Brochure and understand the meaning and purpose of Baptism and the requirements to be baptized at New Life Church. I would like to be baptized.

\_\_\_I would like more information about Water Baptism before I make a decision to be Baptized.

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