

# Baptism FAQ's

## Why should I be baptized?

- To follow the example set by Christ (*Mark 1:9*)
- Because Christ commanded it (*Matthew 28:19-20*)
- It demonstrates that I am a Christ-follower (*1John 2:3*)

## What is the meaning of baptism?

- It illustrates Christ's death, burial, & resurrection (*1Corinthians 15:3-4*)
- It illustrates my new life as a Christ-follower (*2Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4*)
- Baptism doesn't make you a Christ-follower, only your faith in Christ does that. It's like a wedding ring – an outward sign of an inward commitment. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)

## Why be baptized by immersion (to be placed into the water)?

- Because Jesus was baptized that way (*Matthew 3:16*)
- Every baptism in the Bible was also (*Acts 8:38-39*)
- The word "baptize" means "to immerse"
- It best symbolizes burial & resurrection (*Romans 6:1-11*)

## Who should be baptized?

Every person who has placed his/her faith in Christ. A Christ-follower is someone who has realized his sin separates him from God, has given up all efforts to reach God through good works or human effort, and understands that only Jesus' blood can cleanse him of sin. They believe in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, and have decided to trust Christ alone for their salvation. If you have come to this point, then you are ready to be baptized. (*Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12-13*)

## When should I be baptized?

As soon as you have believed (*Acts 2:41; 8:35-38*). This does not mean it has to happen immediately, but baptism should follow your decision to become a Christ-follower. There is no reason to delay.

