

Clearing up the waters about baptism

Our baptism pictures the...



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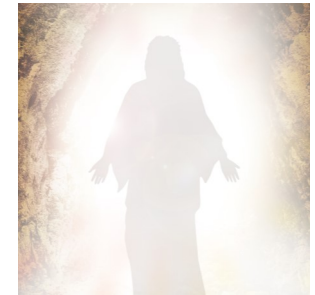
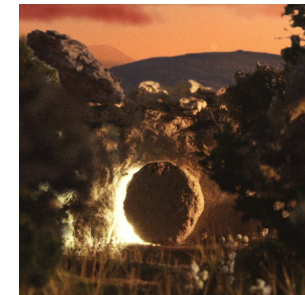


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Why be baptized?

Because you want to follow Christ's example.

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan." Mark 1:9 NKJV

Because Christ commanded it.

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you." Matthew 28:19 NASB

Because it shows you are a believer.

"Many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized." Acts 18:8 NKJV

Because obeying Christ's command shows you know Him.

"And by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." 1 John 2:3 NKJV

Baptism is an opportunity to identify ourselves with the Savior.

What is the meaning of baptism?

It is a symbol of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He rose again." 1 Corinthians 15:3 NKJV

"Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:12 NASB

It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away;

behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

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

Baptism does not make you a believer; it shows that you already are one! Baptism does not "save" you; only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring—it's the outward symbol of commitment you made in your heart.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

Baptism identifies you with the Local Church.

"...those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church." Acts 2:41 NKJV

How are we to be baptized?

Like Jesus was baptized—by being immersed in water.

"And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water." Matthew 3:16 NASB

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

"And they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him. And When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39 NASB

The word "baptize" literally means "to dip under water."

The Greek word *baptizo* means "to immerse or dip under water."

Who should be baptized?

Every person who has made a decision to believe in Christ.

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip." Acts 8:12-13 NKJV

The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ. We do not baptize children until they are old enough to understand and believe.

It will be necessary to be baptized at Red Bank Baptist Church for anyone who desires to become a member and who has not been baptized Scripturally (as a believer, by immersion, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as a symbol of your salvation).

When are we to be baptized?

As soon as you have believed! You shouldn't delay!

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added to them about three thousand souls." Acts 2:41 NKJV

"So Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning from that Scripture. As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, 'Look, there's water! What would keep me from being baptized?' And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he replied, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip

and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him." Acts 8:35-38 HCSB

There is no reason to delay. As soon as a person decides to believe in Christ, he can and should be baptized.

Can my family be baptized together?

Yes! If each family member requesting baptism has placed his or her trust in Christ for salvation and has **not** been Scripturally baptized since his or her salvation experience.

What will the baptism experience be like?

One of Red Bank Baptist Church's ministers will meet with those arriving for their baptism. He will take time to share about the importance and meaning of baptism. He will also give detailed instructions of each action that will take place in the baptism experience and will answer any questions that the candidate has. Red Bank Baptist members will accompany those being baptized to the dressing room where they will give a special T-shirt for the candidates to wear and direct them to their private dressing rooms. Other family members are welcome to assist their family member and to observe up close if they wish. The water will be warm and comfortable. It will be a time of celebration for those being baptized, as well as their family and our church family. We want the baptism to be a special and memorable time for the candidates and their families. A baptism certificate will be given as a keepsake after the baptism.