

We are so glad that you are considering baptism. Please take some time to review the following information about baptism. If you are ready to be baptized or have more questions speak with one of our ministry staff team members or call the church office.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

I. To Follow The Example Set By Christ

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.” (Mark 1:9)

II. Because Jesus Commanded It.

“Go Therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

III. It Demonstrates That I Really Am A Believer.

“And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.” (1 John 2:3)

WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

I. Because Jesus Was Baptized That Way.

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water...” (Matthew 3:16)

II. Every Baptism In The Bible Was By Immersion.

“And he commanded the chariot, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water...” (Matthew 28:19-20)

III. The Word “Baptize” Means “To Dip Under Water.”

IV. It Best Symbolized A Burial And Resurrection

(see Romans 6:1-11)

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

I. It Illustrates Christ’s Death, Burial, And Resurrection.

“Christ died for our sins...that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day...” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

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III. Baptism Doesn’t Make You A Christian.

Only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it’s the outward sign of the commitment you have made in your heart. (see Ephesians 2:8-9)

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has believed in Christ. A believer is someone who has realized that their sin separated them from God. They have given up all efforts to reach God through good works or religious activity. They have concluded that Jesus Christ’s death on the cross for their sins is the only thing that can bridge the gap between them and God.

A believer is someone who has decided to trust Christ alone for their salvation. If you have come to that point in your spiritual journey, then you are ready to be baptized. (Acts 2:41; 8:12)

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The New Testament shows no example of baptism when the person 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 Alexis 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.

WHAT ABOUT INFANT BAPTISM?

In the Bible, we find parents bringing children to Jesus. He held them and prayed for them and told us to welcome them. But he did not baptize them, and he did not tell anyone else to baptize them. So it seems more biblical to wait until after a personal decision to trust Christ as Savior has been made by the child. If baptism is a public profession of salvation (as the Bible teaches), only people who have intentionally received salvation should experience baptism.

If you have not experienced adult baptism, even though you have experienced baptism as an infant, the full meaning and significance of baptism has yet to take place in your life. We strongly encourage you to be baptized as an adult believer in Christ.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have believed.
Acts 8:12 - "But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

DOES THIS MEAN IT HAS TO BE IMMEDIATELY?

No, but the Bible teaches that baptism should follow your decision to become a believer. There is no reason to delay. If you wait until you are "good" enough, you will never feel ready for baptism.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

We will provide a white robe. We recommend a dark colored t-shirt and shorts. Remember to bring a towel and a change of clothers to wear afterwards. Arrive 20 minutes before the service for some last minute instructions.

HOW DO I SIGN-UP OR REGISTER?

Speak with one of our ministry staff team members or call the church office (704) 263-2301. They will provide information on our upcoming baptism service dates.