

Kids & Students

# Baptism Info

Baptism is “**An outward sign of an inward change.**”

Baptism does not save us. You can **only be saved by faith** in the finished work of Jesus Christ. But God designed our journey of faith so that when we put our faith in Christ, one of the next steps we take is making **a public statement of our faith** and **celebrating the new life** He has given us through baptism.

## Baptism Demonstrates

1. **Public Identification** with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. 2. **A New Start** living in your new life with Jesus and away from your old life of sin. 3. **Obedience** to Jesus as He invites all people to follow Him and be baptized.

## Baptism in the Bible

Jesus gave us the command in **Matthew 28:19-20** to be baptized:

“Go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

We see in **Acts 2:38** that new followers of Jesus are to be baptized:

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The Apostle Paul explained the significance of baptism in **Romans 6:1-4**:

What should we say then? Should we keep on sinning so that God's grace can increase? Not at all! As far as sin is concerned, we are dead. So how can we keep on sinning?

All of us were **baptized** into Christ Jesus. Don't you know that we were baptized into His death? By being baptized, we were buried with Christ into His death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life.

# Frequently Asked Questions about Baptism:

## **What should I expect at a baptism?**

Everyone who is going to be baptized meets at the Crossroads baptismal, also known as the Family Room Fountain. You will meet a pastor or ministry leader, sign in and then change your clothes and get ready.

Baptisms happen immediately after every service on Sunday.

Once in the water, our pastors will pray with you, then lay hands behind your shoulder to help you go under the water. When you come up out of the water, please know that it is fully acceptable to express your feelings. This is a very emotional time. There is nothing more beautiful than people cheering and joining in with you as you celebrate your faith in Jesus. You will then leave the water, dry off, watch and rejoice with the other people who are getting baptized.

We will send you a certificate of your baptism to commemorate your commitment to Jesus.

## **What should I wear when I'm baptized?**

Changing rooms are nearby. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a bag for your wet clothes. We encourage women to wear shorts and a dark top with a swimsuit underneath. Men should wear shorts and dark t-shirt. Baptism is designed to draw attention to Jesus and His work in your life and that's why we encourage people to wear the outfits listed above. You could even wear a Crossroads t-shirt, but please don't wear any large logos/brands on your clothing.

## **Whom should I invite?**

We hope you will invite your friends and family to see you get baptized!

Nothing is more important to us than our relationship with Jesus and this is a great opportunity to celebrate it. We have found that even those in your family and circle of friends who are not religious, or who have not made a commitment to Christ, are usually happy to attend and support you. This is a great way to be a public witness of your relationship with Jesus!

## **What if I have special needs or requests?**

Please let our pastor or ministry leader know when you attend the baptism and they will figure out what will work best for your special circumstances.