

Baptism Basics

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Matthew 28:16-20)

Why is water baptism important?

- ▶ **PERSONALLY:** We are "drawing a line in the sand"

³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and **be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
(Acts 2:38)

- ▶ **PUBLICLY:** We are identifying with Jesus

³ . . . don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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 6:3,4)

- Jesus' [_death_](#)
- Jesus' [_burial_](#)
- Jesus' [_resurrection_](#)

*⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.
(Romans 6:5)*

Baptism is an outward [_demonstration_](#) of
an inward [_transformation_](#).

What if I was baptized as an infant?

How old should I be to get baptized?

What if I walked away from the Lord after being baptized?

What if I decide not to get baptized?