

BAPTISM

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND KIDS



Here at CPC, we like to say that when someone gets baptized, it's a way of declaring they are "ALL IN" for Jesus. Our hope is that kids would understand the declaration they are making when they get baptized. This guide is a resource to help make that happen!

A NOTE FOR PARENTS:

It is an exciting and special time when your kids start to show interest in getting baptized! As parents, you have the privilege of helping them understand what getting baptized and following Jesus means while also witnessing their relationship with Him grow.

This guide is meant to help you in this process and also to help your child better understand the decision they are making. It will help you both determine if your child is ready to take this next step on their journey of faith. Remember there is no rush to this process! There is no set time limit, everyone is different, and this is a very personal decision. This is a time to answer questions, pray together, and be a support to your child as they navigate moving forward in their faith. If you need additional resources, or do not have all the answers to your child's questions, that's okay! Please reach out to a CPC Kids leader or Student Pastor if you need help! The rest of this guide is for you to review with your kids.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is a gift Jesus gave to us so that we could have an outward experience that would help us understand what He is doing inside us. There is nothing special about the water itself, but when we use it in this way that Jesus invites us to, it represents how God washes away all of our sin and guilt. Baptism is also what we do to show others that we've decided to follow Jesus. It gives us a memorable way to celebrate that with our whole church family!

When we are baptized, we are obeying the commandment Jesus gave His disciples:

"Therefore 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." Matthew 28:19-20

Baptism represents Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, our decision to believe that and follow him. When we are baptized in the water, it is a picture of the washing away of our sins and the new life we have with Christ since he died for our sins and was raised to life again.

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." Romans 6:4

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

1. Have Faith: Believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven

Jesus was perfect, He never sinned! He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so we could live in freedom and spend eternity in heaven with Him.

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:5-6

2. Admit you need Jesus: We all need forgiveness

Admitting we need Jesus can be hard because we think we can go through life doing things our way and in our own strength. The truth is, without God, we would never be able to overcome our sin! We all need His sacrifice to save us.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

3. Choose to follow Jesus: He is our Salvation

When you choose to follow Jesus, you're asking Him to forgive your sins and be the leader of your life. This is a very big decision in your life, maybe the biggest! God will use it to change your life forever. How exciting!

"For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." Romans 10:10

AM I READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

Parents: review these questions with your kids, help them if they get stuck, and answer any questions they may have themselves!

1. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
2. Has everyone sinned? Even you?
3. What does it mean to be "saved"?
4. Why is it important to try to live like Jesus?

Kids: Answer "Yes" or "No" to these questions and see if you feel ready to make the decision be baptized:

1. Do you believe Jesus is God's Son? **Yes or No**
2. Do you believe you are a sinner and need God's forgiveness? **Yes or No**
3. Do you believe Jesus died on the cross to save you from your sins and rose from the dead 3 days later? **Yes or No**
4. Do you choose to follow Jesus and want him to be the leader of your life?
Yes or No

NEXT STEPS:

If your child is ready to be baptized, please scan this QR Code and sign-up to be baptized.



We are so excited that you are ALL IN for Jesus and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

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