**Baptism Questions & Answers**

**Why should I be baptized?**

**1. To follow the Jesus’ example.** *“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9*

**2. Jesus commanded us to get baptized*.*** *“Jesus said, Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20*

**3. To demonstrate my faith in Jesus.** “*Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” Acts 10:47*

**What is the meaning of baptism?**

**1. It illustrates the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.** *“Christ died for our sins… He was buried… and He rose again. I Corinthians 15:3-4 “For when you are baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ.” Colossians. 2:12*

***2.* It illustrates your new life as a Christian.** “*The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

**Who should be baptized?**

Every person who has believed in Jesus. *“Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized…” Acts 2:41*

**Does baptism make me a Christian?**

 Baptism does not make you a Christian. Baptism is a step you make after you have already invited Jesus into your life. Baptism does not save you. Baptism is a way to show that you are saved. It’s like a wedding ring. It is an outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

**How should I be baptized?**

 We should be baptized in the same way Jesus and the first believers were baptized. Every baptism in the Bible was done by immersing someone under the water and then bringing them back up out of the water. The word “baptize” means to immerse or dip under water.

**When should I be baptized?**

As soon as you have believed in Jesus and understand what baptism means.

*“Those who believed…were baptized…that day!” Acts 2:41*

**Should I be baptized more than once?**

 Baptism only needs to be done once. However, you should be baptized twice under a few circumstances. First, you should be baptized again if you were baptized before you genuinely became a Christian. Perhaps you were baptized at a very young age and looking back you now know that you actually did not understand what you were doing at the time. Second, if you were baptized as a baby then you should get baptized again. In the Bible we see that people were baptized after they had personally decided to become a Christian. A baby cannot understand what is happening to them when they get baptized.

**Who will baptize me?**

The Bible does not give any specific requirement for who should baptize you. Some churches only allow pastors to baptize people. Some churches allow any other Christian to baptize.

**Where should I be baptized?**

 Baptisms can be held at any body of water. Baptisms can be in a river, an ocean, a pool, a bathtub, or anything that can hold water! Be sure to be baptized with other believers present there to watch! Don’t baptize yourself in your shower!

**Are you ready to obey Jesus and get baptized?**