

Should I Get Baptized In Water?





Have you ever seen someone get baptized at church? They step into the water, are gently lowered under the water, and

then come back up again. They seem so happy. What does it all mean?

What Is Baptism?

Baptism is when a person who believes in Jesus is dipped under water and brought back up.

The water does not wash away sins. Only Jesus can do that! God washes away our sins when we admit to Him that we have done wrong and sincerely ask Him to forgive us of our sins.



Water Baptism is a way of saying:

- "I believe Jesus died for my sins."
- "I trust Jesus as my Savior."
- "I want to follow Jesus."



It is like telling the world, "I belong to Jesus!"

Jesus gave us an example to follow by being baptized in water by John the Baptist. After Jesus was baptized God said, "This is my beloved Son,



with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17 ESV).

God is pleased when we get baptized also.

What Does Baptism Mean?

Baptism is a picture of what Jesus has done for us. When you go under the water, it reminds us that Jesus died and was buried for our sins. We are letting people know that we believe Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying in our place.

When you come up from the water, it reminds us that Jesus came back to life and washed away our sins!

“When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptized, so we would live a new life, as Christ was raised...” – Romans 6:4 (CEV)



Does Baptism Save Me?



No.

We are saved by trusting Jesus, not by getting baptized.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

— Acts 16:31

Baptism does not save us.

Baptism shows that we have already trusted Jesus.

Questions For You

- Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?
- Do you believe he rose again?
- Have you sincerely told God you were sorry for doing wrong things?
- Have you asked Jesus to be the leader of your life and are you trying to do what he wants you to do?



If you answered yes, to all the questions, talk to your parents about getting baptized in water. If they think you are ready, talk to your pastor.

What Will Happen When I Get Baptized?

Usually:

1. A pastor will talk with you about your faith in Jesus.
2. You may tell the church that you believe in Jesus.
3. You will step into the water.
4. The pastor will pray for you and then say “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
5. The pastor will gently lower you under the water.
6. You will come back up out of the water.
7. Everyone will celebrate what God has done in your life!

You will get wet—but you will also have a wonderful memory of obeying Jesus and know that God is proud of you.

Write out your answers to these questions:



- 1) How is a person saved from being punished by God for the wrong things they have done?
- 2) Do you believe Jesus died and then arose from the dead to pay the price for your sins?
- 3) Have you asked Jesus to forgive you and be your leader?
- 4) What does it mean when someone gets baptized?
- 5) Why do you want to be baptized?