

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

A Review of the Meaning of Baptism

Please complete this review sheet in preparation for baptism. Parents should assist children in completing the review. Please talk with a member of the pastoral staff if you have questions about baptism.

Baptism is important, but it is not salvation. Baptism should be among the first steps of a new believer's walk in obedience to the Lord. The questions and answers below will help you more thoroughly understand baptism.

I. Who Should Be Baptized?

- A. What should precede baptism (come before baptism) in a person's life?
Read Acts 8:36-39 (ESV excludes v. 37; see NASB, KJV), John 3:7, and Mark 16:14-16 and write your answer.
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- B. Baptism is NOT part of a person's salvation. Salvation is a work of God and not of man. Read the verses below and explain how we are saved.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 _____
- John 1:12-13 _____
- Titus 3:5 _____
- C. Christ commanded baptism for believers. What are the four parts of Christ's teaching to believers in Matthew 28:19-20
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
- D. The early church carried out Christ's command. Please notice what took place just before people were baptized.
- Acts 2:36-40 _____
- Acts 8:36-39 _____
- Acts 16:30-34 _____

II. Why Believers Should Follow the Lord in Baptism

- A. Jesus set the example. What did He do? Why
Matthew 3:13-17 _____
- B. What does Jesus command in Matthew 28:19-20?

- C. In the act of baptism, you are identified with Christ. What does baptism picture?
Romans 6:3-16 _____
- D. In Acts 2:36-42, carefully note how things happened.
1. Word preached
 2. Conviction
 3. Repentance and faith
 4. Baptism
 5. Membership

Remember -

Baptism is something a believer does in obedience to the Lord's command.
Baptism is a testimony to the world that you are following Christ.
Baptism is a means of identification with Christ and a symbol of union with Christ.
Baptism does not save you - God does that.
Baptism is only for those who have received Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior.