

### 1 When can I get water baptized?

Believers in Christ in the Bible were baptized as soon as they believed. It is encouraged to be baptized as soon as you decide to believe in Jesus and follow Him.

Water baptism does not make you a believer in Christ, and neither does it save you. However, being baptized in water proves that you are a believer in Christ and His disciple.

### 2 Where can I get water baptized?

We encourage you to connect with a local church and fellowship with other believers. There, leaders will help you take the step of faith of being water baptized.

### 3 How will I get water baptized?

The Bible teaches that the method of water baptism was complete immersion by placing a person under water and immediately bringing him or her back up.

### 4 If I was baptized as a young child, should I get baptized again?

Yes. In order to receive salvation, a person must be of an age where they understand what salvation is and, as an act of their own will, pray to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Thus, if you were baptized as an infant or young child, we recommend you get water baptized again.

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# Water BAPTISM

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

*Matthew 28:19*



# In receiving water baptism, we are following Jesus' example and proclaiming our faith.

Water baptism is a public declaration of what Jesus Christ has done in the believer's life, and symbolizes **two powerful truths**:

## 1 JESUS' OWN DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION.

Jesus took all our sins upon Himself and died on the cross. Going down in the water symbolizes Jesus' death, and the washing away of all our sins—past, present, and future—by His blood.

Underneath the water symbolizes Jesus' burial as He was in the belly of the earth.

Coming up from the water symbolizes Jesus' resurrection, in which He overcame sin and death so that we can be made eternally righteous in Him.

## 2 TESTIFYING OF YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST

When we go down in the water, we are proclaiming to heaven, earth, and hell, that "My old life is gone. As Christ was buried, my old sin nature, bad habits; diseases, past hurts, failures, and sins ran its full course in His body, so I can be free." When we come out of the water, we are proclaiming, "I am a new person with the life of Christ. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus" 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Water baptism is available to anyone who has received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

### MY SPIRITUAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of New Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of New Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

#### Romans 6:3-7 (NIV) says:

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We 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. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.