



**So What's
This Thing
Called
Baptism
Really All
About
Anyway?**



3 Ways We SHOW Others That We're Christians

1. By Our **WORDS**

Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you about the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15-16

2. By Our **LIFE**

Jesus: Let your light shine so that people will see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

3. By Our **BAPTISM**

Those who accepted Jesus' message were baptized. Acts 2:41



Why Should I Be Baptized?

**#1 Because Jesus tells me to do
it!**

Jesus said, Go and make disciples of all the
nations,

baptizing them ...

Matthew 28:19



Why Should I Be Baptized?

**#2 Because Jesus shows me it's
important.**

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and
he was baptized by John in the Jordan River.
(Mark 1:9)



Why Should I Be Baptized?

#3 Because it lets others see that I really know Jesus for myself

Many ... became believers and were baptized.
(Acts 18:18)

How can we be sure that we belong to him?
By obeying his commandments.
(1 John 2:3)



What Does Baptism Mean in the Bible?

It Shows We Are Trusting Jesus to Pay the
Punishment for All of Our Sin and Make Us
New People On the Inside

Christ **died** for our sins ... He was **buried**, and he was
raised from the dead on the third day.

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

You were **buried** with Christ when you were baptized.
And with him you were **raised to a new life** because
you **trusted** the mighty power of God ...

(Colossians 2:12)



What Does Baptism NOT Do?

It **does not** wash away my sins

It **does not** make me a Christian

It **does not** mean I am perfect

It **does not** make me perfect



How Do We Baptize People at
Christ Community Church?

We **Immerse** Them

To dip or put something
under water

To completely cover by water



Why Do We Baptize By Immersion?

#1

Because Jesus was baptized this way

After his baptism, Jesus **came up out** of the water.

(Matthew 3:16)



Why Do We Baptize By Immersion?

#2

Because every baptism in the Bible was done this way

They **went down** into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they **came up** out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away.

(Acts 8:37-38)



Who Should Be Baptized?

**Every person who has become
a Christian**

**Those who believed ... were baptized
right away.**

(Acts 2:41)



3 Questions To Ask Yourself Before You Are Baptized

- 1. Are you sure that when Jesus died on the cross, He took all of the punishment for your sins so that you don't have to?**
- 2. As you are baptized today, is it your desire to show everyone here that Jesus is in charge of your life?**
- 3. With the help of the Holy Spirit, is it your desire to grow in your love for God for the rest of your life?**

How would you answer these questions?



Baptism Begins My Growth as a Christian

Get Together With Other Christians

Think of ways to encourage one another. And let us not neglect our meeting together. Hebrews 10:24-25

Read the Bible and Pray

*You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you wisdom ... 2 Timothy 3:15
Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Philippians 4:6*

Obey God and His Word, the Bible

*Jesus: Why do you call me 'Lord,' when you won't obey me?
Luke 6:46*

Witness to Friends About Jesus

Jesus: Tell people about me everywhere. Acts 1:8



How Do I Know I'm Ready To Be Baptized?

1. I **KNOW** that when Jesus died on the cross, He took all of the punishment for my sins so I don't have to.
2. I want to **SHOW** my family and friends that Jesus is in charge of my life.
3. I want to **GROW** in my love for God for the rest of my life.
4. I **UNDERSTAND** what baptism is all about, and can **EXPLAIN** it to my parents and my friends.



Talk Together

1. What is **the biggest question** you have right now?
2. In your own words, **what does baptism mean to you?**