

# BAPTISM

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## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is a way to publicly declare our dependence on Christ alone for our salvation. It's not a way to become saved, but rather a beautiful symbol of the salvation we already have.

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Christians. After a person begins a relationship with Jesus Christ, whether they're old or young, they are to follow Christ in baptism. This is the only prerequisite!

## WHY BE BAPTIZED?

- To follow Jesus' example. (Matthew 3:13-17)
- To follow through on what Jesus desires. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- To tell others about our personal story with Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 3:15)

## WHY IMMERSION?

Baptism by immersion means that the whole person is placed into a body of water and immersed from head to toe. When a Christian is immersed and comes out of the water, it represents their being united with Christ in His burial and His resurrection, and absorbed into a brand new life in Him (Romans 6:1-4).

## ALREADY BAPTIZED?

We recommend that you be baptized again if you haven't been baptized since you became a believer. It doesn't devalue a prior experience, but simply reflects your desire to personally celebrate your new life in Christ.

## WHEN AND WHERE?

Baptisms are performed twice a year as a part of our worship services on our 15th Street and West Greeley Campuses.

## IS PREPARATION REQUIRED?

A Baptism Orientation will be held the week before the baptism service. We ask everyone who wishes to be baptized to attend.

## DO I HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING?

During the Orientation Class, you'll be given some helpful hints about how to share your story. You'll then be asked to talk through the questions included on the Information Form in a small group setting. Then you'll be asked to give insights into your story that will be captured on video. Excerpts of these stories will be featured in services prior to baptisms.

## WHO WILL BAPTIZE ME?

You may choose who you would like to baptize you--a spouse, parent, eGroup leader, mentor, friend, etc.--or you may have a Christ Community pastor perform your baptism. If you choose to have a friend or family member baptize you, please have them attend the orientation with you.

## BAPTIZED TOGETHER?

If each family member has personally placed their trust in Christ alone and understands what baptism means, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. If you have questions about whether your child is ready to be baptized, please bring them with you to the Baptism Orientation or speak with a Kid's Konnection leader in advance. Children 13 years and younger must participate in the orientation to be baptized.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- A bathing suit or shorts and a dark t-shirt.
- A towel, change of clothes, and other personal items you'll need after you change following the service.
- Aqua socks (optional).
- A plastic bag to bring home your wet clothes and towel.
- People performing baptisms should prepare accordingly as well.

## STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

No problem! Pastor Bruce Hoppe ([bruceh@cccgreeley.org](mailto:bruceh@cccgreeley.org)) is available to answer any specific questions you might have.