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in Water



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If you are reading this, there is a good chance that you are interested in getting baptized, or that you are curious about baptism. If so, you are on the right track. In this little booklet, we hope to answer questions like: What is baptism? Why should we be baptized? Aside from basic teachings about baptism, this booklet also includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions, a guide to getting baptized here at Ascend Church, and an easy-to-detach registration form. We are very happy with what God is doing in your life, which has led you to consider this important step in your life of faith. We want to make this step easy for you!

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TEACHING

After you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the next step in your spiritual journey is baptism. If you have never been baptized, there is no reason to wait. Or, if you are like many people who were baptized in childhood, we encourage you to get baptized again.

Whatever the case, you may be wondering, “Why?”

This is a good question. In order to fully answer it, it is important to understand the origin and true meaning of water baptism. The first Christians had this sacred practice as something normal, but over time its meaning changed and greatly reduced – to the point where today, it has almost disappeared. However, we believe that it is still essential for us, because: In the beginning of the Gospels, before the beginning of Jesus' ministry, we read about John the Baptist, who had a high calling because he baptized people in the River. Jordan.

As he preached a message of repentance and turning to God, he invited his followers to humble themselves and be baptized in water to indicate and demonstrate that they were “washing away” their old lifestyle, thus accepting the message that John preached. .

Later, we read that Jesus himself approved of this when he was baptized by John! Through this act, Jesus made a public demonstration and declaration of His desire to follow the Father. While He was baptized, we read that the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the Father publicly accepted Him as His own son and even expressed His pleasure in His obedience. This became a turning point for Jesus.

That only after this moment do we begin to see Jesus teaching with authority and performing miracles in His ministry.

In His final moments with the disciples, Jesus encourages them to continue this practice (Matthew 28:18-19). In doing this, He indicated the importance of submission to water baptism for each believer. This shows us that it is more than just a tradition empty or legalism. On the contrary, it has the same meaning today that the same day Jesus was baptized. It continues to be a line that marks the old and the new, particularly for the new believer.

It is a demonstration and public declaration of faith in Jesus and the desire to follow him. Because of this, today baptism remains meaningful and pleasing to the Father.

It is obvious that it is impossible for a child to grasp this importance. The decision to be baptized must be made consciously, after you have received salvation and have been “born again,” by making Jesus Christ the Lord of your life. It is for this same reason that we encourage those who were baptized in infancy to be baptized again after having consciously accepted Christ.

Also, we want to make sure you know that you don't have to be perfect to be baptized. Water baptism is not a proclamation of perfection, nor will it make you perfect. Rather, it is a declaration of faith, submission, and willingness to allow Him to perfect us. It is a key moment, just as it was in the life of Jesus. Sometimes we have experiences that allow us to look back and say, “Since then, everything has changed.” Can you remember a turning point in your life? Well, water baptism could be one of these moments in your life too.

People who have been baptized in a meaningful way recount the feeling of sinking into the past and emerging as new. They remember what they felt in their hearts when they stood up and shared what Jesus meant in their lives, what He did for them; they felt how God's forgiveness cleansed them as they immersed themselves in the water; They could look like new people when they surfaced. Water baptism is a defining moment in your walk with Jesus and is an act that you can remember and refer to in the future.

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If you have not been baptized since you sincerely committed your life to Christ, you should be baptized. It doesn't matter how long you have been saved. Consider these examples:

ACTS 2:38, 41 NIV

“Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,” Peter answered, “and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” So those who received his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people joined the church.” Note that it does not say that these people returned home to change. They were immediately obedient, and went directly to the water to be baptized.

ACTS 16:29-33 NIV

“The jailer asked for light, rushed in and lay down trembling at the feet of Paul and Silos. Then he took them out and asked them: – Gentlemen, what do I have to do to be saved? – believe in the Lord Jesus; so you and your family will be saved – they answered. Then they explained the word of God to him and everyone else who was in his house. At that time of night, the jailer took them and washed their wounds; “He and his entire family were immediately baptized.”

ACTS 8:35-38 NIV

“Then Philip, beginning with that same passage of Scripture, announced to him the good news about Jesus. As they were walking along the road, they came to a place where there was water, and the eunuch said: –Look, here is “AFTER HAVING ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IS BAPTISM. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED, THERE IS NO REASON TO WAIT.”

Water. What prevents me from being baptized? Then he sent stop the chariot, and they both jumped into the water, and Philip baptized her.”

The eunuch did not want to wait. He didn't even want to change his clothes! He said, “I believe in Jesus and I want to take the next step! That prevents me from being baptized?”

If you have accepted Jesus as Lord, but have not yet been baptized, let me ask you something, “What is preventing you from being baptized?” What is stopping you from publicly declaring that “Jesus Christ is my Lord and my Savior?”

I want to leave my past lifestyle behind so He can dwell in me. I want to experience the forgiveness that is mine.”

If you have been baptized in some way or another above, please allow us to reiterate that baptism It has to be done:

- In total submersion
- For those who have made a conscious decision to submit their lives to Jesus.
- By those who understand the meaning of what they are doing.

If these three elements were not present when you were baptized, you should be baptized again.



¿ARE YOU READY?

If you wish to be baptized, you will be declaring the following through your baptism:

I am declaring my allegiance to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I leave my old lifestyle by symbolically burying it in the water.

I connect with the message and person of Jesus Christ and wish to identify myself as one of His followers. Through public demonstration, I wish to show others that my heart is given to Him.

I declare that I will completely surrender to Jesus and the Spirit of grace and fully immerse myself in His truth. My desire is to know Him, love Him and obey Him, and I allow Him to take my life - which is symbolically represented by being completely submerged in water (rather than being splashed with water).

If you agree with these statements and understand the meaning of this act, you are ready to be baptized. And as we said before, we are happy for you! Continue reading to see how you can get baptized.

WATER BAPTISM GUIDELINES

PREPARATION

Before being baptized, you must have read this booklet and filled out the Registration Form for Baptism in Water that is found on our page.

REQUIRED CLOTHING

Women

- Underwear, with an undergarment attached like a t-shirt
- A loose dark blouse over the t-shirt (2 layers of clothes)
- Shorts or pants of a dark color
- Towels

Men

- Underwear and t-shirt
- Dark t-shirt
- Shorts or pants of a dark color
- Towels

THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING

- Toiletries (example: comb or brush)
- Another complete change of clothes

PHOTOS OR VIDEO

Take photos and/or video record your baptism for family members and friends is allowed and recommended. The sanctuary chambers They will be recording, but only to project the image to the big screens so everyone can see

We provide copies of videos or photos for the Ceremony of the Baptisms in Water.

NOTE: People who are 12 years old or younger must be aware of their decision and have permission from their parents.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is water baptism?

Baptism literally means to be immersed. Water baptism is a physical act of conscious obedience by which a person identifies himself with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus; symbolizes the death of our old self and the resurrection to a new life in Christ; faith and trust in Christ Jesus is publicly declared.

Who should be baptized?

All followers of Christ.

What happens if I was baptized in my infancy or when I was a child?

You should be rebaptized if you were not consciously submitted to God and were not aware of the meaning of baptism and the declaration you were making when you were baptized when you were baptized as a child. The baptism of children is usually more related to the faith of the parents than to the children.

Should I be baptized immediately after accepting Christ?

In the New Testament, many people were baptized immediately after accepting Christ; However, there are many examples of believers who were not baptized until much later (particularly the Apostle Paul). Even so, baptism should not be delayed indefinitely. If we are truly believers who desire to follow Christ, then we would want to follow His example and get baptized as soon as possible.

Am I still a Christian even if I am not baptized?

Yeah. We are saved through faith in Jesus – through his shed blood, death and resurrection – and not through baptism. But, if we truly believe, we will follow the example of Christ and the Biblical command to be baptized. It is an act of obedience and a declaration of trust that is born of God's saving work in our hearts.



Should I be baptized in a specific place or way?

No. It does not matter if you are baptized in a baptism pool (as we have in our services), or in a lake, a stream of water, ocean, a jacuzzi or a water hole; What determines the validity of your baptism is the state of your heart, not the perceived holiness of the place or the water.

The form of baptism is much less important than the state of your heart. In our baptisms, we seek to follow examples given in the New Testament. It is for this reason that we baptize in total submersion and in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and specifically, in the name of Jesus.

Can I be baptized again?

Of course! There is no Biblical prohibition against being rebaptized and doing so could be an important step in your spiritual growth. If you feel that the criteria mentioned above were not met with your first baptism; or if at any time after being baptized you have strayed from your faith in God and wish to re-declare your trust and submission to Him; or, if you feel that you are entering a new stage of your life and would like to express your commitment to the will of God and the submission of your own will, we encourage you and invite you to that you be baptized again.

Will I be required to live a sin-free life after baptized?

No! It's not even possible. We all struggle with sin from time to time and we all fail sometimes. None of us as human beings are immune to this, only until we die and go to Heaven. The key is that when we sin, we confess it, repent, humbly rise up and continue to trust in the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from all sin.

I have heard of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Is this the same as water baptism, or is it different? Baptism in water and baptism in the Holy Spirit are not the same.



Water baptism is what has been described in this booklet. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is described in the second chapter of the book of Acts in the New Testament.

It is a spiritual power to live the life that God has called us to live and is accompanied by signs, such as speaking in tongues and the impartation of spiritual gifts. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is another essential part of our lives as believers. Some biblical references include: Acts 1:8, 2-4;10:44- 46;19:6 and Matthew 3:1. However, since this is not the purpose of this book, if you are more interested in the topic, we encourage you to talk with a pastor, small group leader, or prayer team member. They will be happy to answer your questions, direct you to the right path and, if you wish, pray for you to receive this baptism..





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