



# WATER BAPTISM

## What is Baptism?

### 1. *It is an outward expression of an inward reality!*

Salvation and forgiveness of sin come only through "faith in Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 2: 8, 9). When we are baptized in water we declare publicly that we have identified with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The "washing of water" is an outward symbol of the inward cleansing that has already taken place through receiving God's forgiveness!

### 2. *It is a picture of the gospel story!*

That story is that Jesus died, was buried and rose again from the dead! Baptism, symbolically, tells that same story. Being put under the water in baptism symbolizes death and burial. We show that the sins of our old life have been buried and our old self died when we accepted Christ. Rising up out of the water, symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus and that we also have risen to new life through Christ!



## Why Baptism by Immersion?

Baptism by immersion is the method of baptism practiced in the Bible. For example in Acts 8:38, we are told that Philip and the man he was baptizing "went down **into** the water." Also, the whole picture of Scripture is that the waters of baptism are a grave and that baptism is burial! This can only be accurately represented when the individual is immersed in water!

**If you have accepted Christ Jesus into your life and wish to be baptized, please speak to one of the pastors or call the church office (762-0682).**

## Why is Baptism Important?

### 1. *Because Jesus Himself was baptized.*

As followers of Christ we want to be like Him. He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps.

### 2. *Because we want to obey Jesus.*

In Matthew 28: 19, Jesus told his followers to "...make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..." It is what Jesus wants for every disciple! Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". This includes baptism.

### 3. *Because our baptism is a testimony to others.*

When we are baptized because of what Christ has done in our lives, we have an opportunity to publicly declare that through the act of baptism itself.

## APPLICATION FOR WATER BAPTISM AT EVANGEL

Yes, I would like to be obedient to the Lord and be baptized in water according to the scriptures.

I believe that the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, died in my place so that my sins may be forgiven.

Further, I believe that salvation is by the grace of God alone, and that it is received by faith alone.

It is my desire to walk in obedience to the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.  
Mrs. Given name \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any (one) person who has been particularly significant in your spiritual journey/growth? \_\_\_\_\_

**Write briefly on how you came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior.**

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