

“Therefore go and
make disciples of all
nations, **baptizing**
them in the name of
the Father and of
the Son and of
the Holy Spirit...”

Matthew 28:19

baptism



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what is baptism?

When a person chooses to become a Christ-follower, baptism is the next step on the journey of faith. Baptism publicly symbolizes a person's new life in Jesus. We encourage all Christ-followers to follow in the footsteps and commands of Jesus to be baptized [Matthew 28:19].

In the early church people who began a relationship with Jesus Christ were soon baptized in water. The Apostle Paul in the book of Romans explains that baptism identifies the believer with Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Going under water represents Christ's death and coming out of water represents the resurrection.

what does the Bible say about baptism?

- Baptism is an act of obedience to the command of Christ, who Himself was baptized in water.
- Baptism is the next step on a person's journey in being a Christ-follower.
- Baptism publically symbolizes the decision a person has made when they became a Christ-follower.

can I be baptized?

When a person becomes a Christ-follower (by admitting they are a sinner and asks Jesus Christ to forgive them of their sins and accept His salvation), the Bible teaches us to proclaim this by being baptized. It is a public confession of a person's faith in Jesus Christ, stating that they have changed their lives from an unbeliever to a Christ-follower.

what is my next step?

If you are interested in baptism but have some questions, we invite you to attend one of our 30-minute baptism classes where there will be a short presentation to help you understand the meaning of baptism. It will also provide opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have pertaining to baptism. Attending one of these classes is not a commitment to be baptized.

These information sessions are held several times each year generally a few weeks prior to a baptism service.

To sign up for the next class, please complete the form on the next page.

Separate baptism classes are scheduled for children and high school students.

For more information or to attend a Baptismal Information Meeting please complete the following:

Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

After you have completed this form, please either place this form into the offering plate at the end of service, or hand it in at the Info Centre, or drop it off at the office, weekdays 8:30 – 4:30.

You can also complete this form online at:

www.westpark.on.ca/baptisms

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