



Water Baptism is ...

1. Jesus' command for every believer.

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2. Only valid when done after having confessed one's sins & accepting Christ as Savior.

When the people said to Peter & the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent & be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38)

Repentance: candidates for water baptism must cease any sinful practices (such as living an immoral lifestyle, using illegal drugs, drunkenness, etc.) prior to being baptized.

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3. Practiced by immersion (submerging a person in water) in the Bible.

For we died & were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. (Romans 6:4)

Then both Philip & the eunuch went down into the water & Philip baptized him. (Acts 8:38)

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he *went up out of the water.* (Matthew 3:16)

Baptismal Service Checklist

- Prepare a testimony with which to give public confession of Christ. It can be as simple as "I thank Jesus for saving my soul" or more detailed & personal to your own experiences.
- Wear a modest set of clothes (dark colors are best) that you don't mind getting wet.
- Bring a large plastic bag for your wet clothes.
- Bring a towel, a set of dry clothes to wear home, & any additional items you may like to use to refresh your appearance after your baptism (hair dryer, makeup & other toiletries, etc.)