



ALL IN
The Importance of Water Baptism
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“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” Matthew 28:19-20

Baptism Defined:

From the Greek word *Baptizo*: to _____, _____, _____.

What is the spiritual significance of Baptism?

1. Baptism is a sign of _____ with Christ.

“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death.” Romans 6:3

“If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.” Romans 6:5

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

Galatians 3:26-27

2. Baptism is a symbol of _____ and _____.

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the father, we too may live a new life.” Romans 6:4

*“For when you are **baptized**, you were **buried** with Christ, and in baptism you were also **raised** with Christ.” Colossians 2:12*

Why should I be baptized?

1. Because baptism shows my _____ to Christ.

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...” Acts 2:38a

2. Because Christ set an _____ for me to follow.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.” Mark 1:9

3. Because it demonstrates a _____ in my life.

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life.” Romans 6:11-13

Other Common Questions:

What if I was baptized as an infant? Does my baptism count?
Why do you baptize by immersion at PCC?
Who should be baptized?
Can I make it into heaven without being baptized?
When should I be baptized?

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize: *“If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.” Romans 6:5*
- Sign up to be water baptized next week and invite my family & friends to come share this significant spiritual moment with me.
- Serve at the Thanksgiving Outreach. All volunteers are to meet here at PCC on Thursday @ 10AM for orientation. Bring the whole family!