

## WHY GET BAPTIZED?

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart.



## THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

*"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and He rose again."*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

*"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."*

Colossians 2:12

It symbolizes my new life as a Christian.

*"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!"*

2 Corinthians 5:12

## WHAT TO EXPECT

During the worship time, while the music is playing, one of the pastors will guide you into the water. After confirming your commitment, the pastor will briefly lower you under the water and say, "Your old life is buried with Jesus and you are raised to new life." You will then be lifted out of the water and your baptism is complete. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to attend and celebrate your baptism.

## WILL I HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING?

You will not have to say anything other than a nod of confirmation of your commitment to Jesus.

## HOW DO I GET BAPTIZED AT C3 TRI-CITIES?

C3 celebrates baptisms quarterly. Our summer baptisms are held at an outdoor venue. Sign-ups begin 3-4 weeks before each baptism celebration. There are 4 easy ways to sign up!

- Visit our website at [c3tricity.com/baptism](http://c3tricity.com/baptism)
- Sign up on our mobile app
- Email us at [office@c3tricity.com](mailto:office@c3tricity.com)
- Mark your connect card on Sunday morning



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## WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

**Because Jesus was baptized that way.**

*"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water."*

Matthew 3:16

**Every baptism in the Bible was by full water immersion.**

*"...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..."*

Acts 8:38-39

## WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

**As soon as you have believed.**

*"Those who believe...were baptized...that day!"*

Acts 2:41

There is no reason to delay. If you wait until you are "perfect," you'll never feel "good enough!"

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

**Every person who has believed in Christ.**

*"Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized..."*

Acts 2:41

*"Simon himself believed and was baptized..."*

Acts 8:13

*"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."*

Acts 8:12

At C3 Tri-Cities, we believe that the age of accountability for making the decision to be baptized starts in 2nd grade. When you are able to explain in your own words and come to this decision on your own, you are ready to be baptized.

For families with young children, we celebrate a commitment to Jesus with Child Dedication. This ceremony is a public commitment for parents to promise to nurture their child with the Holy Spirit.



## CAN FRIENDS AND FAMILY BE BAPTIZED TOGETHER?

**Yes! As long as each person fully understands the meaning of baptism, and has placed his or her trust in Christ for salvation.** We encourage families to be baptized at the same time.

It is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family or group tradition. You should not delay your baptism while waiting on others to join you. This puts an undue pressure on them and delays your obedience.

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

**Plan to wear shorts (pants are fine if you would feel more comfortable) and a shirt that you don't mind getting wet.**

Darker colors are less transparent when wet. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

*Romans 6:4* "By our baptism, then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life!"