

Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by Christ. "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan." (Mark 1:9)
2. Because Christ commanded it. "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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19–20)
3. It demonstrates I am a Believer. "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands." (1 John 2:3)

Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

1. Because Jesus was baptized that way. "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water." (Matthew 3:16a)
2. Every Baptism in the Bible was by immersion. (For example) "Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." (Acts 8:38–39)
3. The word "baptize" means "to dip or immerse".
4. It best symbolized a burial and resurrection. "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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 6:3–4)

Who Should Be Baptized?

Every person who believes in Christ should be baptized. Believers realize their sin separates them from God. They conclude that Jesus Christ's death on the cross bridges the gap between them and God. Having decided to trust Christ alone for their salvation, they follow Christ in baptism as a symbol of their new life in Christ.

The Day of Your Baptism...

Please check in at the welcome center by 10:15am. They will direct you to one of the pastors to go over the plan with you so you are comfortable with what will be happening. It is important that you are prepared to share your testimony and to bring the following items with you:

- Clothes to be baptized in that will not be transparent when wet (a Made New t-shirt will be provided). Shorts are acceptable
- Water shoes or flip flops. Note: The ground will be slippery, so choose shoes with a good grip (optional)
- A change of clothes for after the baptism
- A plastic bag for wet clothes
- A towel

This is a very important event in your Christian life and we are happy to be celebrating with you! Please feel free to invite family and friends and ask them to join you on stage during your baptism for pictures and the best view!

If you have any questions about your baptism day, please contact the church office



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Baptism Guide

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit"
Matthew 28:19



Congratulations on your desire to be baptized!

Destiny Church is glad that you have made this decision to follow Christ and His example in baptism.

Like a marriage ceremony, baptism is an outward expression of an inward commitment. It doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." - Ephesians 2:8,9

Baptism illustrates Christ's death, burial, and resurrection as well as illustrates our new life in Christ.

"Christ died for our sins... he was buried... and he rose again." - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"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." - Romans 6:4

Baptism is, in so many ways, our first act of 'following' after deciding to 'follow Jesus.' When we are baptized, we are saying to God, to Jesus, "I'm willing to do whatever it takes to become the person you originally created me to be."



Baptism Application

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sex: M/F Martial Statue: Single/Married/Other _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

How long have you been a Christ Follower? _____

Have you been baptized before? Y/N

If yes, where? _____

Do you attend Destiny Church Y/N, how long? _____

Why would you like to be baptized?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor and Parental Approval (if under 18)

- I have read this baptism guide Y/N

- I have discussed baptism with my child & gave my consent to their decision to be water baptised Y/N

- I have discussed my child's baptism with my parter Y/N

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor's Initials: _____