



BAPTISM @ North Point Chapel

A Biblical Perspective

Baptism is one of the most holy acts in the Christian life. The Bible shares narratives of real people being baptized publically, so as to proclaim their faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ. The same is true of real people today – that we who follow Jesus Christ would be obedient to what the Bible teaches.

What is Baptism all about?

What it is Not

Necessary for Salvation

- The thief on the cross was not baptized – Luke 23:43

An Infant or Child Ritual

- People are baptized after personally accepting Jesus Christ as Savior – Acts 8:36-38

It's not by Sprinkling

- Jesus Himself modeled believer's baptism – Matthew 3: 15-16

Unnecessary

- Jesus said, "Go therefore... baptizing them in the name..."

What it Is

For ALL people who put have put their faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Believer's Baptism is by immersion.

- It displays Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

It is an obedient step of Faith commanded by Christ.

- It was the normal practice of the early church in fulfillment of the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19-20

It is an expression of Love

- True followers of Christ listen to His commands – John 14:15

It is the way we publically Identify with Christ

- Like Jesus (Matt.3:15-17); the eunuch (Acts 8:34-37); the Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:30-34)

A Symbolic Act

- Going into the water depicts what has literally happened when the believer is United with Jesus by the Holy Spirit. 1Corinthians 12:13

It is a REAL- life picture of our Unified Identity with Christ.

- **In the Past:** Jesus death, burial, and resurrection
- **In the Present:** Our exchanged life for Christ
- **Our Future:** Our future resurrection

When we take the obedient step of baptism we are showing our commitment to Christ.

When Should I Be Baptized?

As soon as possible after you have become a believer in Jesus Christ. Acts 2:41; 8:36-38; 16:33

What if I was Baptized as an Infant?

In the bible, we see parents bringing little children to Jesus. He held them – spoke to them – prayed for them – bless them; He welcomed all the little children. But He did not baptize them, and He did not tell anyone else to baptize them either.

Baptism signifies salvation for people who have intentionally and purposefully trusted and believed in Jesus Christ alone; who have intentionally called on Jesus for their salvation and who have entered into a personal relationship with Him.

If you have not experienced a believer's baptism, even though you were baptized as an infant, the full meaning and purpose of baptism has yet to take place in your life. We would encourage you to take the next step; be obedient and follow through with Christian believer's baptism as it is modeled for us in the Bible.

Many have been baptized as infants and while it is a very meaningful event, it is not the baptism we see in the Bible. It also doesn't minimize your infant baptism. We believe that it is the fulfillment of your parents hopes when they had you baptized.

Who Should Be Baptized?

Every person who has believed that salvation comes by the **Grace of God** alone – in **Jesus Christ** alone – through **Faith** alone.

The Bible tells us that if:

1. We **Admit** that we are sinners,
2. **Believe** that Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross, that He died – was buried – and resurrected 3 days later, and
3. **Confess** our sin and **Call** on Him to save us – He will!

Then you should be baptized!!!!