

BEING

BAPTISED



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Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Acts 2:38a

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Why be Baptised?

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:19

Jesus tells us to be baptised, it is a command, something that we should all follow in. The Bible reminds us that part of following God is making a public declaration that you want to follow Jesus in your life.

It is a personal decision that only you can make and this is why as Baptists we wait until people are able to make that decision themselves.

Keeping it in the family

Although anyone who declares a desire to follow Jesus can be baptised, it is usual for them to be part of the church family already. If you have been baptised as a child, but still want to do this we can talk about the baptism being a reaffirmation of the vows taken on your behalf.

Do I have to become a member?

Membership and Baptism go hand in hand. They both express a desire to be part of the worldwide church and whilst Baptism expresses this in that moment, membership is the desire to continue that journey. Please see our leaflet for membership for more information.

Is this Biblical?

Jesus was baptised, and before Him we see other examples of people being baptised, this is why we practice Baptism where you are fully immersed. Throughout the Bible we can see not only a command to be baptised, but examples as well.

Here are some passages of where baptism is mentioned in the Bible.

Acts 2:38

Romans 6: 3-4

Mark 16:16

1 Peter 3:21

What happens in the service?

Believe it or not we have a small baptistry pool under the stage in the church. This is opened and filled with (hopefully) warm water. You are then invited to do a short testimony that explains some of your story and then asked to make the following promises:

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

I do.

Do you turn from sin, renounce evil and intend to follow Christ?

I do.

Will you live within the fellowship of the church and will you serve Jesus Christ in the world?

With the Spirit's help, this will be my witness.

After this you are invited into the pool and fully immersed (or if there is a medical or other reason for this to change we can talk about that). You are then prayed for as you then go and get yourself dry.

I want to be baptised, what happens next?

We hold a short 2 session course to go through the finer details. This will go through some of the things in this leaflet, but in greater depth and it will also allow you to ask questions and think more. In doing this course there is no obligation to get baptised, but we hope you might find it helpful and give you a lot to think about.

Please speak to one of the ministers to know more.



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