

A Personal Guide for Baptism Crossway Multinational Church

Name: _____
Date: _____
Mentor: _____

What Baptism Is

Baptism is a physical expression of the inward reality of new life in Jesus Christ for those who trust in Him as Lord and Savior. Water baptism does not make someone a Christian and it does not bring salvation. Rather, it is a ceremony that Jesus taught to celebrate and confirm someone who has been born again in Christ. (see John 3:1-6)

When someone becomes a Christian and is ready to be baptized, we ask them to work through these notes, along with a mature Christian. He or she will then meet with the pastor to talk through these things. If all are in agreement that baptism is the right next step, we will then find a time, ideally during a regular worship service, when we will celebrate that person's baptism together, rejoicing in the new life Jesus has given, as well as their welcome into the family of God.

Tell the Gospel in your own words

Six aspects of the Gospel are listed below. Working with your mentor, how would you describe what each one means in your own words? (write your thoughts in the boxes) The verses are example passages you might consider to help you understand each aspect, although there are many others as well. In each of these passages, I encourage you to consider the whole passage, while in [brackets] I have indicated some verses that you can focus on if that helps.

1. God is perfectly holy

John 1:1-5; 1 John 1:5; Isaiah 6:1-5

2. All people have sinned and are separated from God

Romans 3:22-24; Romans 7: 21-24

3. God saves us by His Grace in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection

John 3:16-21 [16]; Romans 3:25-26

4. People receive this gift of salvation simply by having faith in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10 [4, 8-9]

5. All who are saved are called to follow Jesus and the teachings of the Bible

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 [1-2]

6. Jesus will return to earth to bring His perfect kingdom

Revelation 21:1-8 [1-4]; John 14:1-7 [1-3]

Why do you want to be baptized? (see Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:36-41)

Personal testimony and expression of faith (see Romans 10:8-13 [9-10])

Is Jesus your Savior and Lord?

Do you put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation (for being forgiven and for being given a relationship of love with God)?

Do you want to follow of God’s ways, by His grace, especially loving God completely and loving your neighbor as yourself?

Do you realize that while God’s forgiveness covers all of your sins—past, present, and future—ongoing confession (admitting and hating our sin) and repentance (seeking to grow in God’s ways) are essential to a healthy Christian life?

Do you agree to pursue fellowship with God’s people in a local church?

What has God done in your life to bring you to these decisions? Are there any significant people or events that God has used in this journey?