

BAPTISM PREP

ONLINE HANDOUT

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BAPTISM PREP COURSE

We are so excited you are taking this step to be baptized and put your faith on display! Here at VIVA Church, we want to make sure you are fully prepared before you take the plunge, and leave you with no question unanswered. This course will answer four main questions:

**AM I IN RIGHT
RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD?**

**WHAT DOES
BAPTISM MEAN?**

**WHAT WILL IT BE
LIKE TO BE
BAPTIZED?**

**WHAT SHOULD I
BRING THE DAY I
GET BAPTIZED?**



THE PROBLEM

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death..."
Romans 6:23

THE SOLUTION

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'
John 14:6



**Am I in right relationship
with God?**

The only way back to God is through Jesus. Only the cross can fix a sin problem.

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” Revelation 3:19-20

- SIN BRINGS DEATH AND SEPARATION FROM GOD (ROMANS 6:23)
- NO ONE COMES TO GOD EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS. HE DIED FOR OUR SINS (JOHN 3:16; 14:6)
- WE MUST BELIEVE AND ACT ON THIS WITH CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND SURRENDER (ROMANS 10:9-10; REVELATION 3:19-20)

THE SINNER'S PRAYER

“Heavenly Father, I have sinned against You. I want forgiveness for all my sins. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again. Father, I give You my life to do with as You wish. I want Jesus Christ to come into my life and into my heart. This I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

DEFINITION & EXPLANATION

The New Testament Greek word is, "**baptizo**," meaning to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water.

It describes a public, ceremonial washing for the purification of the whole person.

"...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead."
Colossians 2:12

"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 6:2-4



What does baptism mean?



**“...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”
1 Corinthians 6:11**

BAPTISM IS...

- A public declaration of your decision to follow Christ
- The believer's identification with Christ's death, burial and resurrection

When we go under the water, it is a symbol that just as Christ died for our sins and was buried, we too have to die to our old life. When we rise out of the water, it is a symbol that just as Christ rose from the dead, we too rise transformed in Christ.

What will it be like when I am baptized?



- You will get wet!
- You will arrive 30 minutes prior to service to pick up your t-shirt and change.
- Ask the person running the baptism what you should do next - this can change each time we host a baptismal service.
- You will be baptized in front of the church so that we may rejoice with you! Your picture will also be taken.
- When you leave the tank, a volunteer will hand you a towel and tell you where you can change.
- You are free to rejoin your family and friends and to enjoy the rest of the service!

- Your family and friends!
- Black shorts or pants that fall at least to the knee. We will provide you with a t-shirt!
- A bag with a towel, hairbrush, change of clothes, or anything else you think you might need.
- Come showered, not wearing heavy makeup or hair product - those being baptized after you will appreciate the clean water!



What should I bring?

