

# MADE NEW

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,  
THE NEW CREATION HAS COME:  
THE OLD HAS GONE,  
THE NEW IS HERE!

## BAPTISM GUIDE

We are so excited that you signed up for baptism. We have created this resource to help you better understand this very important step in the life of a new believer. Please take a moment to read through it. We look forward to celebrating your baptism with you in the near future!

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

There are only two requirements for baptism according to Scripture:

1. **Belief in Christ** (Mark 16:16)
2. **Repentance [turned away] from sin** (Acts 3:38)

### WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

#### 1. Jesus was baptized.

*At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. - Mark 1:9*

#### 2. Jesus commanded it.

*19 "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, 20 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. Baptism is announcing your faith.

*...and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. - Acts 18:8*

#### If Jesus is sinless why did he get baptized?

Baptism is not the means by which sin is forgiven, but a testimony that sins have been forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus' baptism was not for salvation, but a declaration —publicly revealing Him as the Son of God and marking the start of His earthly ministry.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus calls people to "follow Me," establishing the pattern of discipleship. In His baptism, He revealed who He is and modeled the path His followers are to walk in obedience.

## Who should be baptized?

A person is ready for baptism when they have:

- Believed in Jesus
- Repented of sin
- Chosen to follow Him
- Committed to a life of obedience

The last command Jesus gave to His disciples in Matthew 28:19 before ascending to Heaven was to make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit.

Forgiveness is the result of faith in Jesus, becoming a disciple is a result of worshiping God with our lives. Baptism is a celebration of both!

## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

### 1. It's a symbol of Jesus' burial and resurrection.

*"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."*

**- Colossians 2:12**

### 2. It's a symbol of your new life as a Christian.

*"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"*

**- 2 Corinthians 5:17**

*"By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death we also might live a new life." - Romans 6:4*

**Baptism does not make you a believer, it shows that you already are one! Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring. It's the outward symbol of an inward commitment you've made in your heart.**

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

## HOW WILL I BE BAPTIZED?

**1. Like Jesus was baptized—by being immersed in water.**

**2. Every baptism recorded in the Bible was done in water.**

**3. The word "baptize" literally means "to dip under water." The Greek word "baptizo" means "to immerse or dip under water."**

## What do I do next?

Jump into church the way you did baptism by:

- Being at church on Sundays!
- Starting to serve at LCF
- Joining a Life Group
- Attending Level Up

Continue to do the things Jesus did! That's best accomplished by being with your LCF family as much as possible!