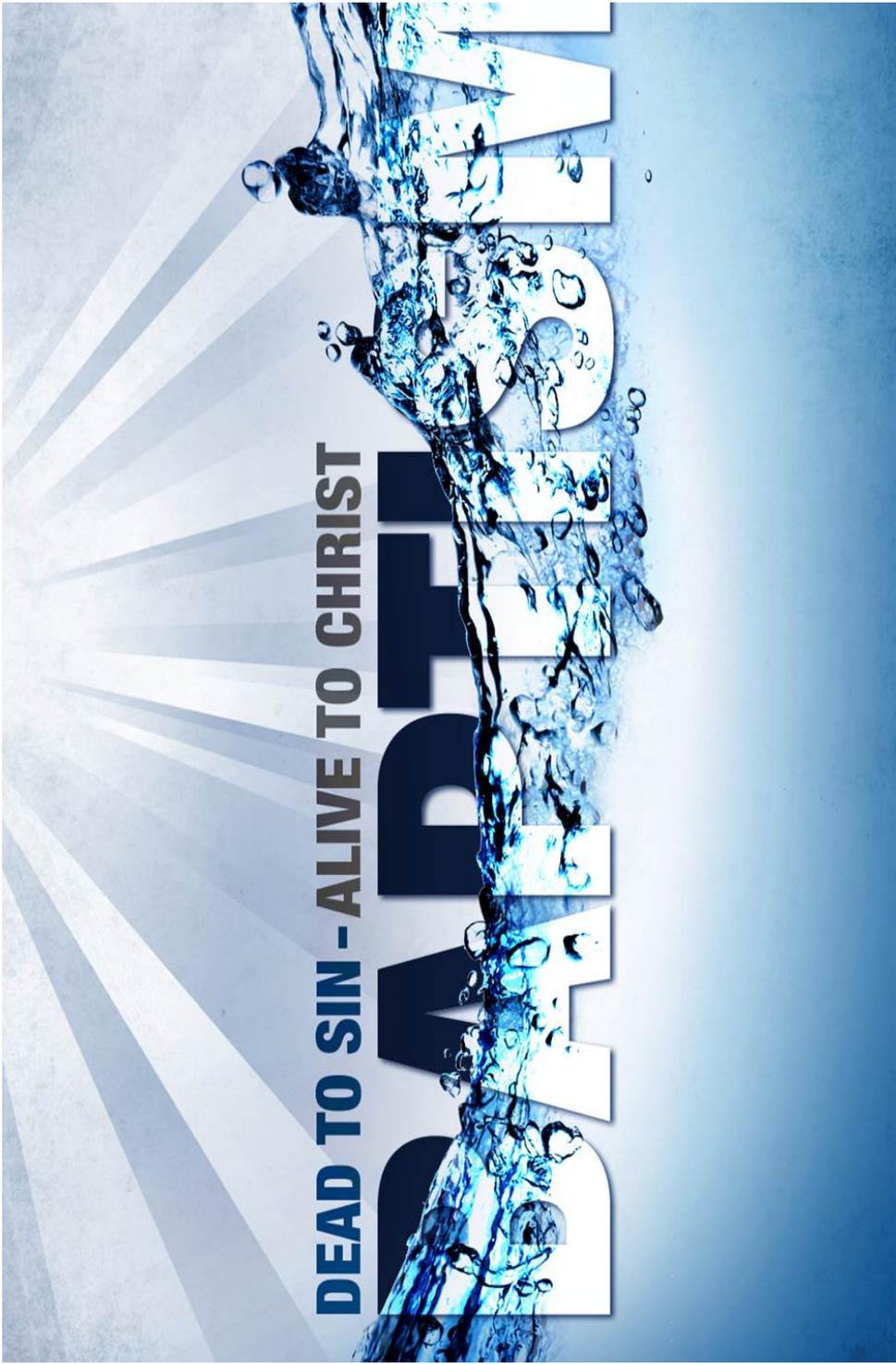


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Believers in Jesus Should Be Baptized

Baptism is a picture of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Standing in the water is a symbol of Jesus on the cross. Being submerged in water is a symbol of Jesus being buried in the tomb and rising from the water is a symbol of Jesus being raised from the dead. Jesus covered all of our sins by dying on the cross and gave us the opportunity to pursue life with Him forever on Earth and in Heaven!

John 3:3-6 (ERV) 3 Jesus answered, "I assure you, everyone must be born again. Anyone who is not born again cannot be in God's kingdom." 4 Nicodemus said, "How can a man who is already old be born again? Can he go back into his mother's womb and be born a second time?" 5 Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God's kingdom. 6 The only life people get from their human parents is physical. But the new life that the Spirit gives a person is spiritual.

Baptism *alone* cannot get you into heaven

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ERV) 8 I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believed. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. 9 You are not saved by the things you have done, so there is nothing to boast about. 10 God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things He had already planned for us to do.

We must believe and have faith in Jesus Christ in order to get to Heaven.

Galatians 2:20 (ERV) 20 So I am not the one living now – it is Christ living in me. I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God. He is the one who loved me and gave Himself to save me.

Baptism is a Symbol of Belief

Romans 10:9 (ERV) *9 If you openly say, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from death, you will be saved.*

Do you know that only those who have asked Jesus into their heart need to be baptized? Why? Because baptism is an *outward* symbol of an inward commitment! For example, some people wear wedding rings to show that they are married. The ring doesn't make them married and if they were to remove the ring they would still be married. Baptism shows the world that you are committed to Jesus. When you wear a baseball cap or a shirt representing your school or favorite team you're telling everyone that you are loyal to that school or team. When you are baptized, you are telling everyone that you belong to Jesus and you want to follow Him.

Baptism Identifies You With Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17 (ERV): *13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He came to John, wanting John to baptize him. 14 But John tried to stop Him. John said, "Why do you come to be baptized? I should be baptized by you!" 15 Jesus answered "Let it be this way for now. We should do whatever God says is right." Then John agreed. 16 So Jesus was baptized. As soon as He came up out of the water, the sky opened, and He saw God's Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. 17 A voice from Heaven said, "This is my Son, the one I love. I am very pleased with Him."*

It is important for us to remember that Jesus set an example for us by being baptized! When we are baptized we are obeying God's Word.

Baptism is An Act of Obedience

Matthew 28:19 (ERV): *19 So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

We are called to lead others to Christ. Your decision to be baptized and your testimony can help lead others to consider baptism as well.

Homework

1. Read all of this information again with your family.
Practice what you will say for your testimony:
2. My name is _____ and I want to be baptized because _____

Baptism Service

- Please come to the Main Building 20 minutes before the service for pre-baptism instructions.
 - Arrive at 8:40 for the 9am service or
 - Arrive at 10:40 for the 11am service.
- The pre-baptism meeting will be held in Room 11.
- Wear clothes suitable for baptism – shorts or swimming trunks (not white).
- Bring a towel, a change of clothing and a bag for your wet clothing.
- Sign-in and pick up your Koinonia T-Shirt.
- The baptism leader will review the baptism process with you and lead you through the baptism service.
- After you have been baptized you can change your clothes and return to the service.
- Reserved seating is available in the left front section of the Main Auditorium for your family and friends. Don't forget your camera!

Baptism DVD

Baptism is a significant event in the life of every Christian follower, the day you are baptized is a special day in your life, and so we would like to offer a free DVD of your baptism service. Just follow these easy steps:

1. Cut out the coupon below, write your name and the service date and time that you were baptized.
2. Turn in the coupon to Guest Services in the main lobby.
3. Wait one week and pick up your DVD from Guest Services.

Please note: Baptism services are recorded, but we do occasionally experience technical difficulties that are beyond our control. Your DVD is not guaranteed. Your family and friends are more than welcome to take photos and video of your baptism.

Baptism DVD Coupon

Name _____
Best Contact Phone # _____
Baptism Date and Service Time _____

