

Your Next Step Baptism

We are so glad that you are considering baptism. Please take some time to review the following information about this next step. To sign up for baptism, please visit www.destinationchurch.cc/baptism.

Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water..."
(Mark 1:10)

Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by Jesus.

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

2. Jesus commanded it.

"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, 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. It demonstrates I am a believer.

"We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands." (1 John 2:3)

What is the Meaning of Baptism?

Getting lowered into the water represents our sinful nature being dead and buried with Jesus, and as we are lifted out of the water we enter into a new life with Jesus.

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

1. Because Jesus was baptized this way.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water." (Matthew 3:16a)

2. Every Baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

"Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." (Acts 8:38-39)

3. The word "baptize" means "to dip or immerse".

"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 6:3-4)

Who Should Be Baptized?

Baptism is an important step of obedience that shows others that someone has personally trusted Jesus for their salvation. Every person who believes in Jesus should be baptized. Having decided to trust Jesus alone for their salvation, they follow Him in baptism as a symbol of their new life in Him.

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." (Acts 2:41)

Should I Be Baptized Immediately After Salvation?

The Bible teaches that baptism should follow your decision to become a believer. There is no reason to delay. If you wait until you are "good enough", you will never feel ready for baptism. Since baptism is a symbol of your salvation, it is OK to wait until the next scheduled baptism.

But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:12)

What About Children?

All instances of baptism follow an individual's decision to trust Jesus alone for their salvation. At Destination, we wait until children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. When a child makes a decision for Christ, we gladly baptize them as a symbol of their faith in Christ.

"Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days." (Acts 10:47-48)

What About Infant Baptism?

In the Bible we find parents bringing children to Jesus. He held them and prayed for them and told us to welcome them, but he did not baptize them.

Baptism is a public profession of salvation (as the Bible teaches), and only people who have intentionally received salvation should experience baptism.

If you have not experienced adult baptism, even though you have experienced baptism as an infant, the full meaning and significance of baptism has yet to take place in your life. We strongly encourage you to be baptized as an adult believer in Christ.

Can I Become an Owner Before I Get Baptized?

If you have not yet been baptized after your salvation, that means that baptism is your Next Step in your walk with Christ, not Ownership. While you can still attend the Ownership class and become an owner, you will be asked in that class to sign up for the next baptism event at Destination Church.

How does Baptism work at Destination Church?

Because we currently meet in a movie theater, the traditional way of doing baptism on a Sunday morning is not a viable option for us. Because of this, we have the opportunity to do baptisms in a non-traditional, yet equally exciting way.

We hold baptisms on a Saturday afternoon at an off-site location, and throw a party to go with it. We encourage you to invite your friends, family, and anyone else you would like to be there. Some of our Core Leadership Team and Owners will be in attendance as well.

The day begins with a lunch, provided by us, in honor of all of those who have decided to take that Next Step. During this time, and if you are comfortable, we may ask to film a short interview with you where you will be able to share your story with us - don't worry, we'll help you prepare beforehand!

After lunch, the actual baptisms will be held in front of everyone invited, so we can all celebrate the decision you have made to follow Jesus.

After the baptism, everyone is invited to stay for cake and a time to continue hanging out with one-another in community, because Relationships Matter.

Our Destination Video Team will take footage from this Baptism Celebration and create a recap video to play on the Sunday a week later, where our entire church will be able to celebrate the decision you have made to go public in your walk with Christ.

What Do I Wear?

Come to the celebration dressed in casual clothes that you would normally wear in public. You will have the opportunity to change before your baptism, so please bring along shorts and a towel; don't worry about a shirt, we will give you one to be baptized in that you can keep to help commemorate the experience!

How Do I Sign Up?

Register online at www.destinationchurch.cc/baptism and click the button that says "Sign Up For Baptism". After you sign up, someone will follow up with you to provide you with a date and further details.

