

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

STEP 1: Is your child ready to be baptized? Use the questions below to help determine whether your child is ready for baptism. By asking your child questions, you will be able to better discern if they understand the gospel. Be sure to allow your child to wrestle with the answers as to be cautious against answering for your child or putting answers in their mouth.

1. Who is Jesus Christ? What made him unique or different from everyone else?
2. Why did Jesus die? What did Jesus' death and resurrection accomplish?
3. What is sin and what are the consequences for sin?
4. Who is Jesus and why did he die on the cross?
5. How does the death of Jesus accomplish our salvation? What is the importance of the cross?
6. What must a person do to be saved?
7. Why is it good news that sin can be forgiven?

STEP 2: As a family, read Matthew 3:15-16 and Matthew 28:18-20. Believer's baptism is the clear teaching of the New Testament. Only those who believe in Jesus as Lord (leader) and Savior should be baptized. Make sure to point out the occurrence of belief before baptism (see Acts). Does your child believe in Jesus? Is there evidence of regeneration? Are there fears that need to be overcome? Is there an understanding of the significance and meaning of baptism?

1. What do these verses teach us about baptism?
2. Why would a Christian want to be baptized?
3. Why do you want to be baptized?
4. With your child, create a list of family and friends to be invited to the public proclamation of faith: baptism.

STEP 3: Have your child work through their baptism booklet.

Help your child be comfortable in articulating what baptism is.

1. Read Romans 6:1-5 and Colossians 2:11-15 together. According to these passages what is the meaning of baptism?
2. **ROLE PLAY:** You are walking through the hall of your school (or if home-schooled, substitute a public setting) and a curious classmate approaches you with the following question. "Hey, I heard you got baptized last weekend. That's cool, but I don't understand what it means. Why did you do that?"



STEP 4: Baptism is to be a PUBLIC declaration. You can express your interest in being baptized by going to CalvaryEFree.Church/next-steps.

1. Fill out baptism registration form and schedule. A pastor will contact you for an interview.
2. Baptisms at Calvary are typically done in our services or at a special baptism event, though other arrangements can be considered.
3. Your child's baptism is a major spiritual milestone and should be celebrated. Your child will receive some commemorative items to help remember this important day!
4. Consider who should be invited to join in the celebration the day of baptism: extended family, friends, neighbors, small group leaders, etc.

BIBLE VERSES ABOUT BAPTISM

Here are some verses to consider and understand in order to fully grasp what Baptism is.

Bible Reference	Baptism Is:	Which Means:
Romans 6:1-5	Identification	Baptism symbolizes Jesus death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism is a summary of faith. It is the outward expression of an inward reality.
Acts 16:31-33	Declaration	Baptism is a declaration of commitment, which is why it is done publicly. It is a confession that Jesus is Christ and Lord.
Acts 10:44-48	Invitation	Those who observe a baptism are active participants. The church is to encourage, support, and exhort the individual being baptized to remain faithful and true to Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:18-20	Imitation	When baptized, we are following the example of Jesus who was baptized by immersion. Jesus commanded it.
Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:13	Incorporation	Baptism maintains the unity of believers, publicly marking them as members of God's people and God's family.

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