

# Children's Baptism Guide



## Why Water Baptism?

Water baptism is a picture of what Jesus has done for you. Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead. That's why you go all the way under the water when you are baptized – to show that your past life is buried, and as you come out of the water you are stepping into your new life with Jesus.

Baptism isn't merely a ritual or something we do just because we do it. We need to look at the baptism of Jesus to understand why everyone who loves Him should be baptized. Jesus didn't need to repent from His sins. He didn't need to get baptized. Why did He do it anyway, and why did He command us to do it?

The Bible says when Jesus was baptized the heavens were parted, the Spirit came on Him like a dove, and a voice spoke from heaven: "You are my Son in whom I am well pleased." What an incredible picture! As Jesus came out of the water, God confirmed His identity as His son, expressed His love for Him, and equipped Him with the fullness of His Spirit to start His ministry.

Water baptism is a public expression of our acceptance that Jesus died for us and that he rose again. He was the best example and commands that every believer take their next step and be water baptised. It's a big step in your obedience to God and it becomes a point in your life you can always look back and remember the special day.

Just as God has marked His approval on Jesus, remember that God has approved of you. In moments of doubt or when life gets difficult you can be encouraged that God has spoken the same thing over you which He spoke over His Son. You are my son or daughter, in whom I am well pleased.

# Water Baptism Devotional

## Obeying Jesus' Commandment

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

Being water baptized is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. A friend of Jesus does not just learn about Jesus, but follows Jesus and does the things He did. The number one reason you should get water baptized is because Jesus did and He commands us to be baptized also.

When you became a follower of Jesus, you submit your self to his Kingdom. That means you have decided to do what King Jesus says and follow His example. Jesus was water baptized, and as evidence to our obedience to Him, we should be as well. Take time right now to read about Jesus' baptism in your Bible in Matthew 3:13-17.

What is the number one reason you should be water baptized? *(Write it below)*



## Is My Child Ready to be Water Baptized?

The Bible clearly calls everyone to be baptized. Jesus tells us to repent and be baptized (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16). Make sure your child believes in Jesus death and resurrection and has begun a relationship with Jesus before making the decision to be water baptized. If you don't feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized, it's okay to wait. During this time, let your child observe water baptism and talk to them about what it means to follow Jesus' example.

Once you have led your child through this guide and feel that they understand what it means to be water baptized, then we would love for you to sign them up and help them take this next step in their journey with Jesus.

## A Decision of Faith

*For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*

Romans 6:4 NLT

Water baptism is a very important step in your new Christian life, however, it does not save you. It is an act of obedience as you follow Jesus' example and identify with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.

When you decided to follow Jesus, you made a decision of faith to follow him. When you are water baptized, you are making a public declaration of faith to follow Him all the days of your life. You are choosing to let Jesus and His Spirit empower your life. Your water baptism will always be a reminder of your decision to live for Jesus.



**THE WATERS OF**  
***BAPTISM***

**MAKE YOU CLEAN!**  
**NOT BY WASHING AWAY**  
**DIRT FROM YOUR SKIN,**  
**BUT BY THE**

***RESURRECTION***  
***OF JESUS CHRIST.***



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