

## Understand the Meaning of Baptism

- ▶ Publicly demonstrates your identification with Christ and the New Covenant (Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:4-5; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-12). You are showing the work of Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection—and your participation in that work by God’s grace.
- ▶ Visibly declares your deliverance from the judgment of God (1 Peter 3:18-21).
- ▶ Displays your union with Christ’s body, His Church (Acts 2:26-41; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:3-6).
- ▶ Follows both the example (Matthew 3:13-17) and the command of Christ (Matthew 28:19).
- ▶ It is the initiatory sacrament/ordinance that Christ commands, followed by regular partaking of the second sacrament/ordinance, the Lord’s Supper.

Thus, baptism is a celebration of the grace of Christ in your life that has occurred through salvation. It is an external celebration of an internal transformation. We are celebrating what God has done by his grace.

Make the most of this time by understanding for yourself the following questions:

**What is your understanding of who God is? What is God like?**

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**How did you come to the realization that you were guilty before God and separated from God? What separated you from God?**

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**How has the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ overcome your guilt and separation?**

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**How have you responded to the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection?**

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**What circumstances and people influenced your decision to trust in Christ?**

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**Why do you want to be baptized?**

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**What are some scriptures passages that have encouraged you lately?**

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