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WHY BE BAPTIZED?

1. BECAUSE YOU WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS' EXAMPLE.

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river. Mark 1:9

2. BECAUSE JESUS COMMANDED IT.

Jesus said, Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20

3. BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIES YOU AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

For all who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:27

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

1. IT IS A SYMBOL OF JESUS' DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESSURECTION.

For when you were baptized you were buried with Christ and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. Colossians 2:12

2. IT IS A SYMBOL OF YOUR NEW LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN.

When someone becomes a Christian they become a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Baptism does not make you a follower of Jesus, it is the expression that you already are one! Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Jesus does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it is the outward symbol of the commitment of your heart.

3. IT IS A SYMBOL OF YOUR ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD WHICH IS THE CHURCH!

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body... 1 Corinthians 12:13

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has made the decision to follow Jesus with their life! Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized...
Acts 2:41

WHEN SHOULD YOU BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have chosen to follow Jesus! You shouldn't delay. Those who believed... were baptized... that day. Acts 2:41

HOW ARE WE TO BE BAPTIZED?

1. JESUS WAS BAPTIZED BY BEING IMMERSED IN WATER. WE BAPTIZE THE SAME WAY.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Matthew 3:16

2. EVERY BAPTISM IN THE BIBLE WAS BY IMMERSION UNDER WATER AND THE ORIGINAL GREEK WORD "BAPTIZE" LITERALLY MEANS "TO DIP UNDERWATER."

WHAT ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED TWICE?

If you have already been baptized as a believer you don't need to get baptized again here.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

We will have opportunities for you to be baptized during or after our 11:11am Sunday service in the upcoming weeks. If you would like to be baptized or to receive more information about baptism, talk to one of the Student Ministries Pastors or your Small Group Leader. You can also call Courtney at 909-629-5277x3038 or send an email to CourtneyR@pfbpurpose.com.

God will bless you as you express your faith in Jesus!