

# Water Baptism

We are so excited that you are wanting to be baptized at Highlands Church! It will be a spiritual milestone in your life. We want you to be fully aware of the significance and spiritual meaning of water baptism in the life of a believer.

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- 1. Why do you want to be water baptized?**
- 2. What does it mean to be water baptized?**
- 3. When did you decide to commit your life to Jesus?**

*You should have a specific memory of when you understood what Jesus did for you and that you need Jesus in your life. It may have been at church, at home, or even sometime when you were alone.*

## Water Baptism Devotional

### **I'm Getting Baptized**

#### **Obeying Jesus' Commandment**

Matthew 28:19-20

*So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.*

Being baptized in water 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 baptized in water is because Jesus did and He told us to also.

When you became a friend of Jesus, you were brought out of the devil's kingdom and put into God's kingdom under Jesus' control. That means you've decided to do what Jesus says and follow His example. Jesus was water baptized, so we should be too.

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 baptized in water?

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### **An Outward Picture**

Colossians 2:12

*When you were baptized, you were buried together with him. You were raised to life together with him by believing in God's power. God raised Jesus from the dead.*

Water baptism is just an outward picture of what Jesus has done for you on the inside. Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead! When you asked Jesus to be your forever friend, there was a death, a burial and

a resurrection (that means raising back to life) that happened in your spirit as you prayed the prayer. (I Corinthians 12:13)

That's why you go all the way under the water when you are baptized. You are showing people that your old spirit and all your past sins (the bad things you do) are buried with Jesus. When you come up out of the water, you are saying Jesus has given you new life. Everyone sees the picture of the change that has taken place inside your heart.

➔ What is water baptism a picture of?

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### **A Decision of Faith**

Romans 6:4

*By being baptized, we were buried with Christ (Jesus) into his death. Christ (Jesus) has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ (Jesus) we can also live a new life.*

Water baptism does not save you. It has no purpose or meaning until after a person has decided to follow Jesus and invited Jesus into his heart and life. But water baptism is a very important step in your new Christian life. When you decided to follow Jesus, you made a decision of faith to receive Him into your heart. When you are baptized in water, you are making a decision of faith to follow Him all the days of your life.

You are choosing to let Jesus and your new, born-again spirit be in charge of your life. Your water baptism will always be a reminder of your decision to follow the Lord.

➔ When you are baptized in water, it means you have made a decision of faith to do what?

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