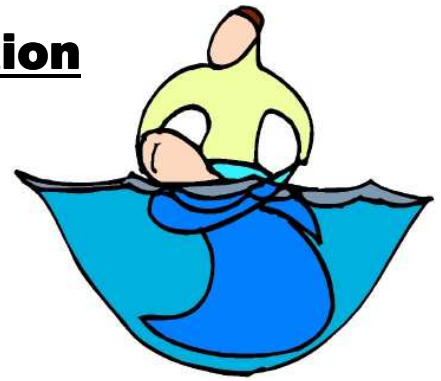


# Water Baptism Information



## When should you be Water Baptized?

- After salvation (born again)

## What is Water Baptism?

Let's look at what baptism means:

- to immerse or completely cover (burial)
- when something gets buried the whole thing is covered-up

Look up - **Acts 8:26-40** The Ethiopian Eunuch and Philip

1. Salvation vs.37 "I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God"
2. Immersion vs.38 "and they went down both into the water"

**Matthew 3:13-17** Jesus baptized by John

v.16 "Jesus...when He was baptized...went up straightway out of the water"

One must be completely covered for water baptism - going through the water (Israel and Red Sea also crossing of the Jordan River - new beginning; never to return to old ways)

## What takes place at Water Baptism?

Look up **Colossians 2:11-15; Romans 6:4-14; 1 Peter 3:18-22**

There is a burial but also a glorious resurrection!!

1. What needs to be buried
  - a) old man
  - b) soulish things (wandering thoughts)
  - c) flesh – things that war against God
2. While under the water what takes place?
  - a) all of these things die and you see it
  - b) cleansing of filth (**1 Peter 3:18-22**)
3. While being resurrected – what is happening?
  - a) new creation – **2 Cor. 5:17**
  - b) God is now in control of your soul (mind) area – **2 Cor. 10:3-6**
  - c) time now to mature in Christ – we can grow and no longer have to always argue the Word of God – He is in charge!

With all things we need to mix our Faith and expect to meet Jesus!! It's not only an act of obedience but something glorious takes place when we are ready to receive and let God be God. Let us expect that when we go down, that the old nature is dead and that when we are resurrected that the **POWER AND GLORY OF GOD HITS US AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL CLOTHE US!!!** We will be changed and we will never be the same. Praise God!! Come expecting!!

## On the day of your baptism you need to remember the following:

- Wear modest clothing, no bare chests (please be aware of what it looks like wet)
- Bring a towel & any accessories that you'll need after baptism
- Pastor will let you know when you need to change and get ready
- Meet behind the stage when you're ready
- Prepare a short testimony to read.

**God Bless You! This is a wonderful step your taking in your walk with the Lord!**

