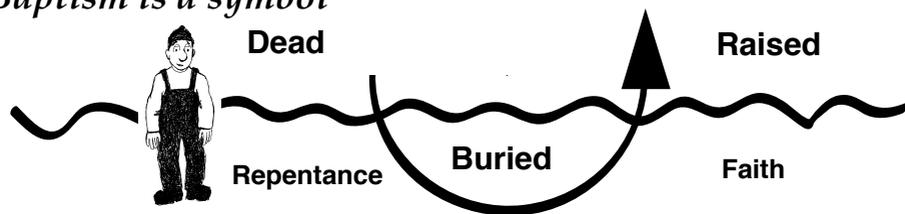


Our new life starts when we repent and believe in Jesus. Baptism is an outward sign of the work that God has already done in our lives.

Baptism is a symbol



* 2 Corinthians Ch 5: v 17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a _____;
the _____ has gone, the _____ has come.

● In the name of

Jesus commanded us to baptise *in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit* (Matthew Ch 28: v 19) but baptism is sometimes described as *in the name of the Lord Jesus* (Acts Ch 8: v 16, Acts Ch 19: v 5). The details of the words spoken as you are baptised may vary but what is more important is your *repentant heart* and your *faith in Jesus* as your saviour.

● Getting baptised

If you wish to be baptised, see one of your church leaders who will explain to you what you need to do. The person who is responsible for baptising you will question you carefully about your *repentance* and *faith in Christ*. They will be concerned that you are *sincere* and *serious* about the step you are taking. You may be asked to give an account of your faith publicly before you are baptised. You may be baptised in a river, a lake, the sea, a swimming pool, a *baptistry* in a church building or even a bath!

Ask others how they became Christians and how they were baptised.



Put the date and place of your baptism in here:



P.S. Churches baptise in different ways. Talk with your church leader to see how baptisms are done in your church.

Water Baptism



In the early days of the church, it was normal for a person to be baptised shortly after he or she became a Christian. It was a definite outward act showing that a person had repented and come to faith in Jesus.

● Jesus was baptised

* Mark Ch 1: v 1-11

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus. Jesus began his ministry after his baptism in the River Jordan. He then preached and healed for two or three years before he was crucified.

The other people who were baptised *confessed their sins and repented*. How do we know that Jesus did not need to confess any sins (v 11)?

How did the Holy Spirit appear? _____

● Did Jesus baptise people?

* John Ch 3: v 22-23, Ch 4: v 1-3

Did Jesus baptise people? _____

Who baptised Jesus' followers? _____

● A command from Jesus

* Matthew Ch 28: v 19-20

Before Jesus returned to his Father, he instructed his followers to do *three* things; what were they? _____

• _____ • _____

● **The command carried out**

In the book of *Acts* there are many accounts of people being baptised — here are a few:

* **Acts Ch 2: v 37-41 — Many people**

What did Peter say the people had to do to have their sins forgiven?

- _____
- _____

How many people believed and were baptised? _____

* **Acts Ch 8: v 26-40 — An individual**

This is an amazing story of God’s guidance and timing as Philip joined the eunuch just as he was reading from Isaiah Ch 53. How soon after hearing the good news and believing was the eunuch baptised?

* **Acts Ch 16: v 29-34 — A family**

What must you do to be saved?

Βαπτίζω (*Baptizo*)

The word *baptism* is from a Greek word meaning to *dip, submerge* or *cleanse by washing*. The word was used for dyeing cloth and involved *immersion*. Christian baptism was by total immersion for those who believed and there was no long period of training before baptism.

● **The meaning of baptism**

* **Acts Ch 22: v 16**

The simplest meaning of baptism is the washing away of our sins — having a big bath! *What are you waiting for?*

* **Romans Ch 6: v 1-12**

Whom are we baptised into? _____(v 3)

We are not baptised into a particular church, an organisation, or a denomination. It is an outward act declaring that I have become a Christian and am now one of God’s people.

What are we baptised into? _____(v 3)

Baptism is a sign that we have been united in the death of Christ.

Which part of us has been crucified? _____(v 6)

Why does it need to die? _____(v 7)

So baptism is a symbol that your old life is dead. When you are baptised, you can leave the old bad things of the past in the water and rise up into new life.



Write down two things from your old self which have died since you became a Christian.

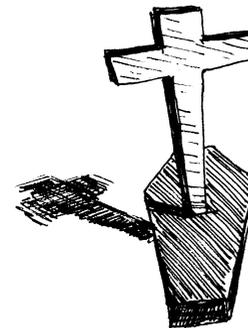
Write down one thing in your life which still needs to die!

(The sooner it dies the better!)

When your old self tries to get out of the grave, remind him that he is dead, he went to the cross with Jesus. You are now living a new life in the power of the resurrection of Jesus. You can remind your old self about his funeral service at your baptism!

Count yourself

Dead to _____(v 11)



The old self

Count yourself

Alive to _____(v 11)



New life

As Christ was raised from the dead, so we may

_____ (v 4)