

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM FOR PARENTS

Baptism is an outward demonstration of an inward commitment. When your child puts their faith in Jesus Christ baptism is the next step. Being baptized is a way for them to tell others about their decision. We encourage you to talk with your child about baptism. After you and your child have decided that it is time for them to be baptized, sign up on the connection card or at the Kid's Next Steps booth.

4 QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISM

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

EVERY PERSON WHO HAS BELIEVED IN CHRIST, NO MATTER WHAT AGE

Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were **baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

At High Street we believe the Bible teaches baptism for those who have accepted Christ as Savior. This is called "believers baptism."

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM?

1. IT ILLUSTRATES CHRIST'S DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION

Colossians 2:12 Buried with Him in **baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

2. IT ILLUSTRATES THE BELIEVER'S NEW LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN

Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through **baptism** into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

WHEN SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

WHEN YOU ARE SURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL AND HAVE ACCEPTED CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR

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WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY JESUS

Mark 1:9 It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was **baptized** by John in the Jordan.

2. JESUS COMMANDS IT

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

3. IT DEMONSTRATES THAT YOUR CHILD REALLY IS A CHRISTIAN

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were **baptized**.

THE CONVERSATION

STEP 1: PRAY FOR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER

At High Street, we believe that prayer has an immense impact on people's lives. We encourage you to pray that God will guide you as you talk to your child about baptism. We also encourage you to begin your conversion with your child by praying with them.

STEP 2: EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF BAPTISM TO YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER

Go to a place where you can talk privately with your child. Open up your Bible, read through the 4 Questions about Baptism, and talk about the meaning of baptism. Explain to them why it is important for them to be baptized. Remember that baptism does not save someone. It is an outward demonstration of an inward commitment. Be sure that your child understands this.

STEP 3: CELEBRATE

Parents, this last section is just for you. Your child's baptism is a major milestone and deserves to be celebrated. We recommend you celebrate this step in their life in two ways.

1. A Special Meal: Go out to their favorite restaurant or cook their favorite meal at home.
2. A Special Gift: Give your child a gift that will help them remember their decision for many years to come. It could be a necklace, a Bible with your child's name on it, or a picture. Whatever it is, be creative and come up with something that is significant and will be saved for life.

Congratulations! Talking to your child about baptism is a very exciting thing! We hope that this sheet will help to guide your thoughts, as well as the conversation you have with your child. For more resources, download the Parent CUE App, or check out the Parent Resource table in the KidStreet hallway.