

# Baptism 101 Notes

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## What is baptism?

**baptizō** is defined as “dip, immerse, plunge, sink, or \_\_\_\_\_.”

The Hill City Church statement of faith defines baptism like this:

“Baptism is an official \_\_\_\_\_ where a believer declares their \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.”

Baptism is a ceremony of commitment & c\_\_\_\_\_.

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## Why do we baptize?

We baptize because \_\_\_\_\_ told us to.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. - Matthew 28:19-20*

In the early church, every time someone becomes a \_\_\_\_\_, they get baptized.

*And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” - Acts 2:38-39*

The promises of forgiveness & the Holy Spirit are for the entire \_\_\_\_\_ age.

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## What does baptism symbolize?

There are two main symbols used in Scripture for baptism.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ away your sins.

*Ananias told Paul, “And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.” - Acts 22:16*

*He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit. - Titus 3:5*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ

*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. - Romans 6:4*

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## **Does baptism save you?**

There are two extremes:

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*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9*

**The moment of salvation is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.**

*Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 3:21*

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## **What about infant baptism?**

Some churches practice **pedobaptism** or \_\_\_\_\_ baptism.

Other churches, like ours, practice **credobaptism** or \_\_\_\_\_ baptism.

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. - Romans 10:9-10*

**We only baptize people when they are old enough to make a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.**

**Instead of infant baptism, we offer Child \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## **How do I know if I'm ready to be baptized?**

There are three questions we ask someone when we baptize them:

**1. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_?**

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Matthew 16:15-16*

**2. Do you believe Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for your sins and \_\_\_\_\_ back to life?**

*“That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

**3. Do you take Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ your sin and \_\_\_\_\_ your life?**

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. - Philippians 3:20*

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## **What about after baptism?**

**Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_ line, not a \_\_\_\_\_ line, for faith.**

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10*

**We believe \_\_\_\_\_ make more \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## **Conclusion: Are you ready to get baptized?**

*And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” - Acts 8:36*

We have online Baptism Sign Up Form at **[www.hillcityboise.org/baptism](http://www.hillcityboise.org/baptism)**.