Why get baptized?

**Because you want to**

**follow Christ’s example**

**Mark 1:9**

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.”

**Because Christ**

**commanded it**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

“19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Because it shows**

**you are a believer**

**Acts 18:8**

“Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.”

**Because obeying**

**Christ’s command**

**shows you know Him.**

**1 John 2:3**

“We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands.”

What does

baptism mean?

The word “baptize” means “to dip under water”. Baptism tells a story…

It is a symbol of, or tells the story of, Christ’s burial and resurrection.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

“3For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian.

**Romans 6:4**

“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

What does

baptism do?

Baptism does not make you a Christian, it shows that you already are one! Baptism does not “save” you; only faith in Christ does that. Think of baptism like wearing your name tag at a meeting. The tag does not give you a name; it is just a means of identification. Getting baptized doesn’t make you a Christian, but it shows people that you already are one.

Who should

be baptized?

Every person who has made the decision to follow Christ can and should be baptized!

**Acts 2:41**

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**Acts 8:13**

**Water**

**Baptism for Every Christian**

“Simon himself believed and was baptized.”

The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ! It’s important for a person who is getting baptized to understand what it means to be a Christian. We need to understand…

* God loves us.
* We have all sinned.
* Jesus died for us.
* We can choose to live for Him!