

APPLICATION FOR BEING BAPTIZED

Name: _____

Parents: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Care Group Leader (if applicable): _____

Have you reviewed these **baptism discipleship resources** with a parent?

___ *Living the Cross-Centered Life* by C.J. Mahaney

___ *Preparing Young People for Baptism* booklet by David Michael

___ "Baptism" chapter from Wayne Grudem's book, *Bible Doctrine*

(All of these resources are available at the resource center on Sunday mornings.)

When were you born again? _____

Have you been baptized with water before? _____

If so, when? _____

Why do you desire to be baptized?

Please attach a **one-page written testimony** about your conversion.

(Please include significant people, experiences, or events that influenced you as you came to know Jesus. Also, please include a brief explanation of what you understand "the gospel" to be, and how it applies to you.)

Thank you so much for your desire to honor our Lord through your life and your testimony. We *rejoice* with you!

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A Baptism Guide for Youth



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WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

- *Those who have repented of sin and believed in Jesus.*

“Repent and be baptized.” Acts 2:38

“And many...believed and were baptized.” Acts 18:8

WHEN SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

- *After he/she has repented and believed.*

“But when they believed...[the] good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized.” Acts 8:12

- *When he/she demonstrates fruit of conversion, including:*

An ongoing belief in the truth of the gospel (1 John 2:23-24; 5:1).

A love for God that produces a desire to obey God’s commands and to turn from worldliness (1 John 2:3-6; 2:15-17; 5:2).

A love for God that produces a love for other believers and a commitment to the church (1 John 5:1; 4:7-8; 2:19).

HOW SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

- *By immersion in water.*

“They both went down into the water...and he baptized him.” Acts 8:38

- *By another believer in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

“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.” Matthew 28:19

WHY SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED?

- *Because Jesus and the apostles commanded baptism.*

See Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38, for example.

- *To testify that we are disciples of Jesus who are re-born by the Spirit, cleansed of our sin, and members of His body.*

- *To identify with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection.*

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON IS BAPTIZED?

- *We follow the example and teaching of Jesus.*

See Matthew 3:13-15 and Matthew 28:20.

- *We testify to the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

“...Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.” Colossians 2:12

- *We experience God’s grace and blessings.*

“Since Jesus commanded his church to baptize, we would expect that there would be a measure of blessing connected with baptism, because all obedience to God by Christians brings God’s favor with it. This obedience is specifically a public act of confessing Jesus as Savior, an act which in itself brings joy and blessing to a believer. Moreover, it is a sign of the believer’s death and resurrection with Christ, and it seems fitting that the Holy Spirit would work through such a sign to increase our faith, to increase our experiential realization of death to the power and love of sin in our lives, and to increase our experience of the power of new resurrection life in Christ that we have as believers.” Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR BAPTISM AS A YOUTH AT SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH?

- 1) Discuss with your parents your desire to be baptized.
- 2) Discuss the baptism discipleship materials with a parent over a period of time (maybe even several months). The 3 resources are listed on the back of this pamphlet.
- 3) Turn in your baptism application (on the back of the pamphlet) at least one week prior to the scheduled baptism. (You may hand the application to a pastor, or mail or email the information.)
- 4) Contact your care group and other appropriate individuals to invite them to attend to celebrate with you.
- 5) Pray that God will help you to understand the significance of baptism, and that God will meet you with His active presence.
- 6) Arrive early for the service, with clothes that are modest, especially when wet. Bring a towel and a change of clothes as well.
- 7) Prayerfully anticipate God’s grace and blessings!