

Water Baptism at Access Church

The first big step of obedience every new believer in Jesus should take is being baptized by immersion in water. Baptism is an outward symbol of an inward change. It signifies our identification with Christ and his saving work done on our behalf on the cross. Through being immersed and coming out of the water, we identify Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Why should I be baptized?

1. To follow the example set by Jesus

Mark 1:9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

2. Because Jesus commands it.

Matthew 28:19-20, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

3. It demonstrates that I really am a believer.

1 John 2:3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

What does baptism mean?

1. It illustrates Christ's death and resurrection.

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

2. It illustrates my 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.

Why baptism by immersion?

- Jesus was baptized that way. (Matthew 3:16)
- Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion. (Acts 8:38-39)
- The Greek word baptizo means to dip under water.
- It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection

How does Access Church do Water Baptism?

- We speak honorably of the commitment parents make when they have their children baptized, but we see it as similar to child dedication. So, we ask that those who were baptized only as infants to be baptized as believers.
- We baptize throughout the year. We encourage and invite people to decide to be baptized.
- We invite friends and family members to join that day, it is a great way for you to share your testimony with them in a public setting.
- People who are baptized at Access Church are not required to share their faith story, but we would encourage you to share that with us.
- We believe that everyone who has personally received Christ should be baptized after receiving him.
- To sign up for baptism register online @ www.scaccesschurch.com/waterbaptism. You will receive a confirmation email with all of the details for water baptism.