

WATER BAPTISM

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MATTHEW 28:19-20 | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Following Jesus is the best decision you could ever make! Your next step is water baptism.

Water Baptism is a beautiful, physical expression of what has happened in your life as a new Christian.

Going down under the water symbolizes the fact that you have identified with Christ in His death and have yourself died to sin. Coming up out of the water symbolizes that you have participated with Christ in His own resurrection from the dead and that you have been raised to a new way of living.

Water Baptism cannot save you. You must place your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour before being baptized in water. Water baptism requires repentance, faith and obedience. Water baptism is a reference point for the rest of your life.

Water baptism is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ because:

- It is obedience to Christ's Great Commission:
Matthew 28:19-20
- It follows the example of Jesus. *Matthew 3:13-17*
- It follows the example of the Early Church: *Acts 2:38, Acts 8:46, Acts 9:18, Acts 10:46-48, Acts 16:32-33, Acts 19:4-5*
- It confirms identification with Christ: *Galatians 2:20*
- It is a testimony of the change in your life:
2 Corinthians 5:17

Being baptized in water will strengthen your faith as you take this step of obedience to Christ. Your baptism provides a wonderful opportunity to give witness to what has taken place in your life to everyone present. Also, your obedience to Christ moved you along the pathway of God's blessing.

"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."

Acts 2:38

PROCESS & PRACTICALITIES

Process

- Complete a Water Baptism Application Form.
- If under the age of 18, have your parent/guardian sign the Consent Form.
 - These steps can be completed online:
www.freedomkw.com/baptism
- Turn the above information into a Staff member and we will be in touch about your application and to go over the details of your baptism.
- Invite the people in your life to come and witness your baptism. Your testimony of life-change is a powerful witness of what Jesus has done in you and can do for others.

Practicalities

- Bring a set of clothes to wear into the water – a dark t-shirt and shorts over your bathing suit.
- Bring a towel and an extra set of clothes to change into.
- Be prepared to share some of the answers from your Application Form.
- Meet together 30 minutes before the service begins for final instructions and prayer.
- Pray daily that God will give you peace as you share your faith and that God would use your testimony to be a blessing to those who hear it.

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here!”
2 Corinthians 5:17



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APPLICATION

Name: _____ **Age (if under 18):** _____

Email: _____

Date that you confessed Jesus as Lord and Saviour: _____

Testimony: (What difference has Jesus made in your life?)

Share why you want to be baptized.

Name some people who have influenced you to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour and helped you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus:

Who would you like to baptize you (if possible)? (Up to two people.)

Share a favourite or important scripture for you.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair being baptized in water. The woman is wearing a dark, sleeveless top and is being held by someone whose hands are visible. The water is splashing around her. The text 'WATER BAPTISM' is written vertically in white capital letters over the image.

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CONSENT FORM

I (*Parent/Guardian*) _____ give
consent for (*Child's Name*) _____ to be
baptized in water.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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, and
teaching them to obey
everything I have
commanded you. And
surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

