

Frequently asked questions

What if i was baptised as a child?

Infant baptism is not mentioned directly in the Bible and it's more an act of parents committing their children to the Lord. This is what we practice at Seechange as a Child Dedication. Those who are dedicated / or baptised as a child still need to be baptised as an adult or at an age where by they can make there own decision to commit to asking Jesus into their lives as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Can i be baptised more than once as an adult?

Some adults feel the need to baptised again if their first baptism was either forced upon them, done in ignorance, or without full sincerity. In these cases we encourage people recommit their lives to Christ and we mention this in the baptism. You can read Acts 19 : 1 - 7 where we see Paul baptising 12 men again after he had given them a greater explanation and understanding of the gospel message.

Do i have to speak or share my story at my baptism?

This decision is up to the person being baptised, it is a real encouragement at some point to share your story to the Church.

This is a great encouragement to others as they seek to live their lives for Jesus. We love to hear the story where you Seechange in your life.

Who Baptises me?

Usually this is done by one of the pastors but if you have someone in your life who has led you to faith in Jesus and/or has been a special person in your journey, they can also baptise you on request.

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- 2 Corinthians 5: 17

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Why get baptised?

1 / Because you want to follow Christ's example. Jesus Himself was baptised. He was not a sinner, yet humbled Himself in obedience to identify with us and give us an example to follow.

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

2 / Because Christ commanded it. Water baptism is an act of faith and obedience to the commands of Jesus.

'If you love me, you will obey what I command.' - John 14 : 15, James 2 : 17

3 / Because it shows you are a believer. Baptism declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a public confession of your faith in, and commitment to Jesus Christ. It's the next step after salvation through repentance and faith and is an important foundation to the Christian life. (Hebrews 6 : 1 - 2)

'Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved ...' - Mark 16 : 16

Baptism meaning?

1 / Baptism is a visible act with a spiritual meaning. It's a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection. Our entrance into the water during baptism identifies us with Christ's death on the cross. His burial in the tomb and His resurrection from the dead.

'... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.' - 1 Corinthians 15 : 3 - 4

'... having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.' - Colossians 2 : 12

2 / It's a symbol of your new life as a Christian. We bury the 'old life' and we rise to walk in a 'new life'. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart, a commitment that has to be followed through and lived out on a daily basis.

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' - 2 Corinthians 5 : 17

Baptism does not make you a believer, it shows that you already are one! Baptism doesn't 'save' you, only your faith in Jesus does that.

'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.' - Ephesians 2 : 8 - 9

3 / In baptism, the believer has the triune name of the triune God placed upon them, 'Father', 'Son' and 'Holy Spirit'. The name of the Lord Jesus Christ is the name of the Godhead (one God in three persons). The Gospels tell us to baptise believers ...

'... into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit' - Matthew 28 : 19

Baptism confirms our position in 'Christ' and affirms the blessings of the Father on us as His children.

4 / Baptism also connects us to the 'body of Christ', His people in the earth. In baptism there is a real sense of being joined with other believers, not just participating in an individual act of our own spiritual journey.

'... For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body ...' - 1 Corinthians 12 : 12 - 13

How am i to get baptised?

1 / As Jesus was baptised - by being immersed in water. The word 'batise' comes from the Greek word baptizo which means 'to immerse or dip under water'.

'As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water.' - Matthew 3 : 16

2 / Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion under water. The book of Acts shows us that this was the norm for every believer.

(Example) *'... then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water ...'* - Acts 8 : 38, 39

Should i be baptised?

Every person who has made the decision to believe in Christ. When Paul writes to the believers in Rome, he assumes that all of them have been baptised (Romans 6). The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ!

'Those who accepted his message were baptised ...' - Acts 2 : 41

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women." - Acts 8 : 12.

We do not baptise children until they are old enough to understand and believe.

When do i get baptised?

As soon as you have believed! You shouldn't delay. Believers in the New Testament were baptised the same day. As soon as a person decides to believe in Christ, he can and should be baptised.

'Those who accepted His message were baptised ...' - Acts 2 : 41

'Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they travelled along the road, they came to some water an eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptised?' And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him.'

- Acts 8 : 35 - 39

But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ they were baptised both men and women.

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Its time!

So based on what you've read to be true, and what you believe in your heart to be true, it's time to get baptised!

Throughout the year, Seechange has opportunities to get baptised, so connect with Pastor Brook or one of the ministry team to arrange a suitable time.

See the back page for contact details and we look forward to journeying with you!