

BAPTISM:

A
GUIDE
FOR
PARENTS

QUESTIONS TO START WITH:

Try your best to explain to me, what is baptism?

Why should a person get baptized?

Why do you want to get baptized?

If you were to stand before God and he were to ask you "Why should I let you into Heaven?", what would you say?

When you die, how certain are you that you would spend forever with God? (Not Certain, Kinda Certain, Absolutely Certain). Why did you give that answer?

OTHER QUESTIONS TO ASK:

Who is Jesus?

Why did he have to die on the cross?

How is a person saved from their sin? What sins has Jesus saved you from?

Do you believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sin and that God raised Jesus from the dead?

Romans 10:9-10

Kid Summary: Jesus is the sinless Son of God, who died in your place to forgive your sin and restore your relationship with God, if you receive him by trusting in him as your Savior.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is a symbol. The word "Baptism" comes from the word "to immerse" or "to dip". Baptism is a public declaration to the church where you are submerged under water as a symbol that Jesus has saved you from your sin and you are a follower of Jesus Christ. Just like a husband and wife wear a wedding ring as a symbol that they have received each other in marriage, baptism is a symbol that you have received Jesus as savior from a life of sin and become a follower of Jesus Christ. Just as the wedding ring itself doesn't make the husband and wife married, getting baptized doesn't actually save a person from their sin, but symbolizes that you are declaring to the whole world that you rely on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to save you and bring you into a relationship with God.

Kid Summary: Baptism is a public declaration that Jesus has saved you from your sin and you are a follower of Jesus Christ and declare you are a part of the church.

WHEN DO I GET BAPTIZED?

Once you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, baptism is an act of obedience as you begin your new life as a follower of Jesus.

Kid Summary: I should get baptized once I have received Jesus as my Savior and Lord.

WHY GET BAPTIZED?

Jesus himself was baptized. If we are followers of Christ, we will want to follow His example. Jesus commands that those of us who receive him be baptized as an act of obedience and public profession that we are now followers of Jesus for the rest of our lives and forever into eternity.

Kid Summary: I should be baptized because Jesus said I should.

ARE YOU READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

You do not have to be perfect to be baptized, in fact you will still struggle with sin even after you've been baptized! But when you do struggle with sin, confess it to God and believe that Jesus has forgiven you. Walk in the forgiveness he bought for you with his death and resurrection. Have you received Jesus as your Savior? Are you ready to be baptized?