

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so glad that you have decided to be baptized in water. Water baptism is taught in the New Testament as an act of obedience in following Jesus. Baptism is an important act demonstrating your commitment to Jesus and desire to follow Jesus: showing both to yourself and to the world that you have been given new life through Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this course is:

- To know who, why, and when someone should be baptized in water.
- To help you fully understand what water baptism means and the part involved as an important act of your faith.
- To prepare you for the day of your baptism.
- To answer any questions that you may have about baptism.

SONRISE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON WATER BAPTISM

The Bible teaches us that every believer should be baptized as an act of obedience (Acts 2:38). Water baptism is the outward testimony to the inward work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life when personal faith is placed in Jesus Christ as savior (Acts 8:27-39).

We believe the ordinance of baptism by immersion in water is commanded of all who repent and believe on Christ as Savior. It represents having died with Christ and being raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. Because you want to follow _____.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river." Mark 1:9 (NIV)

2. Because Christ _____.

"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." Matthew 29:19-20 (NIV)

3. Because it is your public testimony that you are a _____.

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16 (NIV)

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

1. It is an indication of Christ's burial and _____.

"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." Colossians 2:12 (NLT)

2. It is a point of identification of your _____ in Christ.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" II Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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." Romans 6:3-4 (NIV)

3. It does NOT _____.

Baptism does not make you a believer, it shows that you already are one!

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

HOW ARE WE TO BE BAPTIZED?

1. When Jesus was baptized, he was _____ in water.

"After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him." Matthew 3:16 (NLT)

2. Every _____ in the New Testament was by immersion under water.

"He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord

snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing." Acts 8:38-39 (NLT)

3. The word "Baptize" comes from the Greek word "baptizo" means "to immerse or _____ water."
4. Immersion is the best way to picture a _____ and resurrection.

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WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has made the decision to _____.

"Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized." Acts 2:41 (NIV)

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... And the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Acts 8:12 (NIV)

"Simon himself believed and was baptized..." Acts 8:13 (NIV)

WHEN ARE WE TO BE BAPTIZED?

1. As _____ as you have believed!

"As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him." Acts 8:36-38

2. Once one is old enough to understand and _____ the experience.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER BAPTISM?

1. Baptism affects our _____ by giving us full assurance in Christ.

We can know with 100% confidence we are obeying God when we are baptized in water.

"...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledgee of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ..." 1 Peter 3:21 (NIV)

"let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrew 10:22 (NIV)

2. By renouncing the devil and all his work, we break previous _____ with the devil, _____ and willingly living with his _____.

The concept of renouncing in the Greek language is to disown, forbid, reject. The idea is that you were doing or believing something in disbelief and now you no longer do it or believe it.

"...but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness, or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

3. The Holy Spirit that inhabits _____ at salvation, and who now fills will enable you to manifest spiritual gifts.
4. All gifts listed in _____ & _____ & _____ & _____

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Acts 19:4-6

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6-8

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.” 1 Corinthians 7-11

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...” Ephesian 4:11-12

WHAT ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED TWICE?

Our church recommends that you be baptized again if you have not been baptized by immersion since you became a believer. It doesn't devalue a prior experience but simply reflects your desire to be baptized in the same way Jesus demonstrated and commanded us to follow. If you were baptized as an infant at your parents request, now that you have decided to follow Jesus, it is your decision and baptism follows your decision to follow.

CAN A FAMILY BE BAPTIZED TOGETHER?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment.

WHO WILL BAPTIZE ME?

Baptisms are performed by one of the pastoral staff members of Sunrise (but generally not the Senior Pastor). If you have a special connection with one of the pastors you may request that they baptize you, but please keep in mind that it may not be possible.

WILL I HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING?

Well, yes and no. We will ask a few easy to answer questions. Possibly you will be asked why you are being baptized today and will allow you to share a short testimony. When you are in the water, you will be asked:

- Your name.
- Possibly why you have come to be baptized.
- Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Do you plan to serve Jesus the rest of your life?

- Do you renounce the devil and all his works?

WHEN WILL I BE BAPTIZED?

Baptisms at Sonrise are currently scheduled for a special event each quarter. Please indicate during which quarterly event you would like to be baptized the baptism form. These quarterly baptisms are on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. See the baptism for current dates and times.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

Guys - A swimsuit or shorts and a dark t-shirt is just fine.

Ladies - a swimsuit, shorts and a dark shirt as well

We will provide a towel but feel free to bring your own if you'd like. You can use the restrooms to change in. Don't forget to bring dry change of clothes, including underwear, and a bag that can handle wet clothing.

CAN I INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO MY BAPTISM?

Absolutely! This is an opportunity to celebrate. We want you to share it with as many people as possible.

Name _____ completed this course on _____. (date)

Fill in the blank in case you missed them

- Jesus
- Commanded it
- Christian
- Resurrection
- New life
- Save you
- Immersed
- Baptism
- Submerged in
- Burial
- Believed
- Believe in Christ
- Soon
- Remember
- Conscience
- Alliances, shame, untruth
- ALL Believers
- Acts 2, 19, Romans 12 & 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 4:9, Ephesian 4:7-16