

BAPTISM: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Why do we baptize people, and what is the significance?

CONNECT

We all probably have a favorite company or product that we love—because of the service we've experienced, the company's values or reputation, how amazing or easy to use the product is, etc. What company or product would you happily represent? Why?

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You'll watch a shorter version of "Things Christians Do: Baptism" by Reed Moore.

APPLY

Discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Read **Matthew 3:13–17**. Why do you think it was important for John to baptize Jesus? What do we learn from Jesus's example?
2. Read **Matthew 28:18–20**. How do these verses apply to followers of Jesus today?
3. How is baptism for the believer's benefit?
4. How is baptism for the benefit of others?
5. Baptism is an outward and visible symbol of salvation. It is not salvation. Why is this distinction important?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Spend some time this week thinking about the person or people who have had an impact on your faith journey. What about their life seemed different from yours, and how did it impact your own thoughts about faith? If you haven't shared your faith story publicly through baptism, what's holding you back? Did you know we have options for baptism at Gwinnett Church? Some people film a video of their story, but some people read it live before they are immersed in the water. Our Baptism Director can share all the options with you once you complete our application online.

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PRAY

Take time to pray as a group.

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the new life you give us when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Thank you for the person or people in our lives who have had such an impact on our coming to faith in Jesus. May you give us opportunities to have that kind of impact in someone else's life. If you are leading us to publicly share our faith through baptism, give us the courage to take that next step and use our story to reach someone else.”