

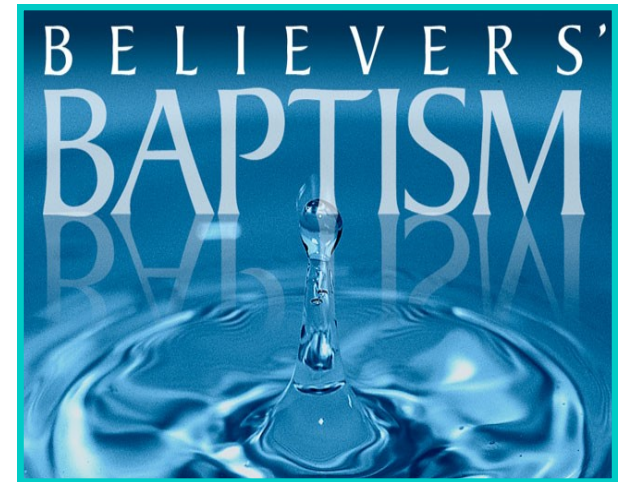
## BAPTISM AT IBC

I am so pleased that you are interested in learning more about BAPTISM.

BAPTISM is God's way for believers to communicate to their friends, family, and church that they have made the life-changing decision to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. BAPTISM is not necessary for salvation; but that does not diminish its importance.

Take the time to read through this information, look up the passages listed, and ask the Lord to help you to better understand the significance of this opportunity to follow the Lord's commands for you.

# WHY BE BAPTIZED?



### BAPTISM Services

at Independent Bible Church are held occasionally throughout the year.

Contact any Pastor or Elder if you are interested in being baptized

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"All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. 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.

*Making, Maturing, and Mobilizing  
Christ-like Disciples.*

# Understanding BAPTISM

## Who Should Be BAPTIZED?

- Believers. In the New Testament, no one was ever BAPTIZED until after they had trusted Jesus Christ as Savior.
- The Biblical example of baptism is a “Believer’s BAPTISM.” (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12-13; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 16:14-15; Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

## Why Should Believers Be BAPTIZED?

- Jesus Christ was BAPTIZED (Matthew 3:13-17).
- BAPTISM is commanded in the Bible (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 10:48).
- All New Testament believers were.
- BAPTISM is the God-ordained public testimony of being a follower of Jesus Christ.

## What Does BAPTISM Picture?

- BAPTISM symbolizes the Believer’s Death, Burial, and Resurrection with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12).
- BAPTISM is an outward picture of what God did for us spiritually the moment we were saved. He identified us with Jesus Christ!

## Must I Be BAPTIZED?

- Must I be BAPTIZED to be saved? No. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)
- Must I be BAPTIZED to be obedient? Yes. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 10:48)

## How Should We Be BAPTIZED?

- The language about BAPTISM in the New Testament implies immersion. (John 3:23; Acts 8:38-39; Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9-10).
- The meaning of the word *BAPTIZO* demands immersion. This Greek word meant “to dip, plunge, or immerse.”
- The symbolism of BAPTISM demands immersion. (See Romans 6:3-5)

## What Follows BAPTISM?

- Involvement in the local church (Acts 2:41-42).
- Continuing to live a new life in Christ (Romans 6:4).

# BAPTISM

BURIED WITH HIM IN DEATH RAISED TO WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE