

What is baptism all about?

1. Baptism is outward SIGNIFICATION of an inward spiritual reality, union with and transformation by Jesus Christ. (Ti. 3:5)
2. Baptism is a personal IDENTIFICATION with Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection (Col 2:12)
3. Baptism is a public PROCLAMATION of faith in Jesus Christ.
4. Baptism is a joyous CELEBRATION of new life in Jesus Christ.

Does baptism save a person?

No, salvation is by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone. (Eph. 2:1-10) Baptism symbolizes outwardly what has already happened inwardly by faith.

Who should be baptized?

Those who have repented of their sins and come to personal faith in Jesus Christ. Those who have come to believe that they are weaker and more sinful than they dared imagine, but at the same time, more loved and accepted in Jesus, than they dared hope. Those who realize that Jesus Christ lived the life that they should have lived and died the death that they deserve.

Why should a person be baptized?

1. A person should be baptized because Jesus commanded us to be baptized. (Matthew 28:19)
2. A person should be baptized to publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ, so that the church can celebrate together with them and so that the world will know of our identification with Jesus Christ. (Acts 8:38)

How can a person be saved and come into a life changing relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

Repent of your sins and your self-reliance and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ! (Acts 16:31) Repentance and faith must happen inwardly, but they can be expressed outwardly through a prayer something like this:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.