



BAPTISM *with Sandals Church Kids*

Baptism is about a lot more than just being dunked in some water. It's a chance to show others that you have chosen Jesus! Before we go any further, let's work through the B.A.P.T.I.S.M. acronym to find out what baptism is all about!



_____ **does not get you into heaven!**

Is it possible to earn your way to Heaven? No, it's not! Read the verses below to find out how.

I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believe. You did not save yourselves. It was a gift from God. You cannot brag that you are saved by the work you have done. **EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (ICB)**



_____ **of worship!**

Worship means doing something out of deep love and commitment. We get baptized as an act of worship to show Jesus that we love Him and are committed to following Him.

We love because he first loved us. **1 JOHN 4:19**



_____ **of Jesus' death and resurrection!**

Your baptism is more than just getting dunked in some water! It's a picture of how Jesus saved you!

When you were baptized, you were buried with Christ and you were raised up with Christ because of your faith in God's power. That power was shown when he raised Christ from death. **COLOSSIANS 2:12 (ICB)**



_____ **who believe should be baptized!**

Baptism is only for those who have given their lives to God. Baptism is a way you show on the outside what God has done on the inside. It's a chance to shout your story of how God has changed you!

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. **MATTHEW 28:19**



_____ **with Christ!**

Do you have a favorite sports team? If you do, I'd bet you wear their team hat or their jersey! It's a way we tell people that we are loyal to that team. That's what it means to identify with something. In the same way, we get baptized to tell others that we are identifying with Jesus and we're choosing to following Him. It's our way of saying we're on God's team!

So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father. **ROMANS 6:4 (ICB)**



_____ **of your faith in God!**

Have you ever seen someone wearing a wedding ring? If they take the ring off, are they still married? Yes, they are! The ring is a symbol that represents a special promise they made with another person. In the same way, baptism represents a promise we made to God: our decision to follow Him.

Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:3b-4 (NLT)**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**



_____ **be in front of others!**

Baptism must be done in front of others in order to show others how God has changed your life. For some of the very first Christians, baptism was often a big event done outside of a city. By being baptized in front of everyone in the town, a new Christian was publicly saying they were starting a new life as a Christian.

"If anyone stands before other people and says he believes in me, then I will say that he belongs to me. I will say this before my Father in heaven." **MATTHEW 10:32 (ICB)**



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Parents, use the answer key below to review this information with your kid(s) if they have expressed an interest in being baptized. We want to make sure they understand the decisions they've made and this is a great opportunity for you to have a real conversation with them! It's totally okay if they're not quite ready and you'd like them to wait. Allow them to ask questions as you go and pray with them at the end!



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Many people think that baptism is part of what saves you. The truth is, you'll still go to heaven even if you don't get baptized. Make sure your child knows that baptism doesn't save you and that God has already done the saving part before the baptism will ever take place! In fact, you can't even be baptized UNTIL you're saved.



ACT of worship!

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Baptism is only for those who have a personal relationship with Jesus. If your child can't articulate what that means, they're probably not ready to be baptized. If that's the case, make sure your child knows that there's nothing wrong with waiting until they're ready!



IDENTIFY _____ with Christ!

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Baptism is a public statement of something that's already taken place: the saving work of Jesus Christ. It is how we show the world whose "team" we're on.



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Like we mentioned in the first point, baptism is not what saves you; it is only a symbol. Just like the analogy of the wedding ring above, baptism is a way of showing people a commitment you made in your heart.



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It doesn't matter if it's 5 people or 500 people, as long as it's in front of people! The reason we do baptism in the first place is because we cannot see what happens in a person's heart. Only God can see the heart! Baptism is a public way of showing that inner transformation. But if there's no one around to see it, what's the point?

The second reason we do baptism in front of people is the same reason you invite people to your wedding. The people you invite form the community that you hope will encourage you, support you and keep you accountable in your marriage! The same is true for baptism. We make it public so that we can build a support system of believers united by God's saving grace.