

## **BAPTISM AT VICTORY OUTREACH**

Baptism is an important step for every believer. Although we require a class on baptism that goes more into detail, here is a brief description of what baptism is.

### **IT'S MEANING:**

**It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.**

*"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and He rose again." --I Corinthians 15:3-4*

*"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." --Colossians. 2:12*

**It illustrates my new life as a Christian.**

*"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" --2 Corinthians. 5:17*

*"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life!" --Romans 6:4*

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." --Ephesians 2:8,9*

## **WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?**

**Every person who has believed in Christ.**

*"Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized..." --Acts 2:41*

*"Simon himself believed and was baptized..." --Acts 8:13*

*"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*

**As soon as you have believed.**

*"Those who believe...were baptized...that day!" --Acts 2:41*

*"Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, 'Look, here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?' Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' The man answered, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him." --Acts 8:35-38*

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect", you'll never feel "good enough"!

**At the Outreach, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.**

So if you haven't been baptized, then we want to invite you to join us for our next Baptism. We baptize every three months and ask you to call our offices, email us, or fill out a connection card at church to be in our next class of baptisms!