

Water Baptism



**CROWNRIDGE CHURCH
MINISTRIES**

WE BELIEVE:

**IN WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION, AND
ALL WHO REPENT SHOULD BE BAPTIZED
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE
SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

THIS WE SURELY BELIEVE

1. The Bible is verbally inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. The Deity of Jesus Christ. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. In His sinless life, miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood. That Jesus was crucified, buried and raised bodily from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. The justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word and by the Holy Ghost.
7. The present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose cleansing and indwelling the Christian is able to live a life of Holiness, which is to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart for the purpose of witnessing for Christ with power.
9. Speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is scriptural. The gifts of the Spirit, should be sought for by all believers in prayer and should manifest in a Christians life as the Holy Spirit distributes them at His will.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper
13. In the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.



Water Baptism is the next important step in the first principals of the doctrine of Christ. Water baptism is not just a form or a meaningless ceremony. It is a definite experience in the life of a New Testament follower of Christ, as recorded in the Gospels, Hebrews, Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles. (Hebrews 6;1,2; Acts 2:38-41).

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE WORD BAPTISM?

Baptism or baptize means “to dip, to plunge into, or immerse.” Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. Jesus commanded it. Mk.16:16; Matt. 28:16-20
2. Jesus was baptized. Matthew 3:13-17
3. The Apostles commanded it. Acts 2:37-47; 10:44-48
4. If we love Jesus we will obey Him and keep His commandments Jn. 14:15
5. We validate our faith by our obedience. Ja. 2:17-18

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

- In the scriptures listed below we see that those who heard, believed, and received the Word, were all baptized in obedience to the command of Christ.

Mark 16:16 -He that believeth and is baptized”

Acts 8:12-15 - “The Samaritans believed and were baptized.

Acts 8:35-38 -The eunuch believed and was baptized.

Acts 10:47-48 -Peter commanded the gentiles to be baptized.

Acts 19:4-5 -The Ephesian disciples believed and were baptized

- Other scriptures to read also: Acts 9:17-18; 16:30-34; 18:8
- Many people today see little need for baptism, However water baptism is not **OPTIONAL**. It is an important part of obedience. To refuse water baptism is to live in disobedience to the revealed will of God.

Acts 8:36..”What hinders me from being baptized?

- Water baptism involves a confession of faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:36-39; Romans 10:9-10). The prerequisites of water baptism are

repentance, faith, and confession of sin. (clearly this excludes infant baptism).

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM IN WATER

- Water Baptism is a symbol, however it is also a real spiritual experience as it is a baptism into His:
 - a. Death – Romans 6:4-5
 - b. Burial – Colossians 2:12
 - c. Resurrection – Colossians 3:1; 6:4-5
- Baptism is identification with Christ. In salvation we accept Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. In water baptism we are identified with this triune fact.
 - a. By baptism we stand as "dead".
 - b. By immersion we bury the "dead".
 - c. By raising out of the water, we rise to walk in the newness of life.

WATER BAPTISM IS THE NEW TESTAMENT CIRCUMCISION- Col. 2:11-12; Philippians 3:2-3

- Water Baptism is fulfillment of the Old Testament circumcision. Genesis 17:1-14
- It is the seal of the New Testament Covenant. Galatians 3:26,27
- It is a sign and seal of covenant relationship, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Joshua 5:1-9

CROWNRIDGE CHURCH USES THIS METHOD



When I baptize an individual I ask them if they will confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and upon an affirmative answer I then say: "I indeed baptize you in the name of the father The Son and the Holy Spirit".

Often times I am asked how old a child should be before they are baptized. The age differs for individual children. When a child can confess Jesus as Lord and Savior and is old enough to understand repentance and is then willing to follow the Lord in obedience they can and should be baptized in water.
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