

# first steps ...

# you are brand new ...

Matthew 28:19-20

"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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Read about it in: 1 Corinthians 12:13

Being baptized in water is one of the **first steps** you take in becoming a disciple of the Lord. A **disciple** is not just one who **learns about the ways of Jesus**, but one who follows those ways as well.

The number one reason you should be baptized in water is because **Jesus commands you** to. Being saved has brought you out of sin's control and under Jesus' control.

That's why you go all the way under when you are baptized. **You are showing people that your old spirit and all your past sins are buried with Christ.** When you come up out of that you've been born again. Everyone sees a picture of the change that has taken place inside your heart.

Read about it in:  
Colossians 1:13-14

That means you've decided to do what Jesus says and follow His example. When Jesus was baptized in water, He set an example that we should all follow.

Read about it in:  
Matthew 3:4-17

## what is baptism?

## it's a picture ...

Colossians 2:12

"...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."

Romans 6:4

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Water Baptism is an **outward picture of what Jesus has done for you.**

Jesus died for your sins, He was buried, and then raised from the dead with resurrection life.

When you asked Jesus into your heart, there was a death, a burial and a resurrection that happened in your spirit in a moment's time.



Water baptism does not save you. It has no purpose or meaning until after a person has asked Jesus into his heart. But **water baptism is a very important step in your new Christian life.** When you accepted Jesus as your Lord you made a decision of faith to receive Him into your heart. When you are baptized in water you are making a decision of faith to follow him all the days of your life.

**You are choosing to let Jesus and your new, born-again spirit be in charge of your life.** Your water baptism will always be a reminder of your decision to follow the Lord.

1. What is the #1 reason you should be baptized?
2. What is water baptism a picture of?
3. If you are baptized in water it means you have made a decision to do what?

what I've learned ...

WHAT EVERY KID SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR NEXT STEP WITH JESUS.

# BAPTISM FOR KIDS

AGES 7 AND UP

RIVER CITY  
**KIDS**