

Beulah Ministries



WATER BAPTISM

What is Water Baptism?

Water Baptism is an outward display and therefore a public declaration of a person's faith in Jesus Christ. Declaring openly and to everyone that you have made a choice to be a Believer of Jesus Christ and that your life now belongs to Him. It is a point of departure from your old lifestyle and the start of you life as a new creation.

- **2 Corinthians 5:17**

It is the means of bringing you into union with Christ and His body, the church.

- **Romans 6:3-5**
- **1 Corinthians 12:13**

It is God's claim of ownership over you.

- **Matthew 28:19-20**
- **Acts 2:38**
- **Acts 8:16**

It provides a picture of Jesus' burial and resurrection. Jesus died for our sins, He was buried and He rose again.

- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**
- **Colossians 2:12**

It illustrates the cleaning of your sin.

- **Acts 22:16**
- **Acts 2:38**

Why be Baptised?

Jesus was Water Baptised by John the Baptist so what was written, was fulfilled. If Jesus did it, then it should be important to us as well to do as we follow Jesus' example and obey His commandment.

- **Matthew 3:13-16**
- **Matthew 28:19-20**

It demonstrates that you are a Believer in Jesus Christ.

- **Acts 18:8**

It unites you with Jesus in a very special way.

- **Galatians 3:26-27**

How Should I Be Baptised?

The Greek word translated 'baptise/baptism' is the word baptizo (βαπτίζω) and it literally means to "immerse, dip under or submerge beneath".

Even when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, He was fully immersed under water.

- **Matthew 3:16**

Does The Act Of Water Baptism Save?

Scripture is abundantly clear that only Jesus saves. The work of salvation is a finished work by Christ on the cross.

- **Romans 10:9-10**

Baptism has no redemptive powers of its own. There is nothing holy about the water [place of Baptism], but this should still be a spiritual experience to you never-a-less as you openly display your salvation in Christ.

- **Hebrews 10:10-14**

What Should I Wear?

We appreciate modesty and therefore would recommend that you wear appropriate clothing.

- Full bathers underneath clothes
- Dark coloured t-shirt
- Dark coloured knee high shorts
- A dry towel
- A dry set of clothes

What do I Say?

The words of the Confession as a public profession of your personal faith in Jesus Christ:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV ... 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Colossians 2:12 NKJV ... buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

After your Baptism, you can;

- Give your personal testimony.
- Choose someone special [parents, sibling, family member or close friend] and ask them to read a verse of Scripture just prior to being baptised.

May you be blessed on your journey with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ until He comes again.

Ps Corrie & Louise Delpont

*I'm ready to take
the next step.*

What do I do now?

Confess your sins and believe that God will forgive you and remove your sins as far as the east is from the west [**Psalm 103:12**]

Repent & confess your faith in Jesus [**Acts 2:38**]

Take time to search God's Word on baptism. One suggestion might be to read and meditate on these scripture.

Romans 6:1-11 (Dead to sin and alive in God)

2 Corinthians 6:11-18 (Be Holy)

Romans 12:2 (Renew your mind)

John 1:12-13 (Born of God)

You may want to fast all or part of the day as an expression of devotion to the Lord and after the baptism service glorify Jesus for what He has done in your life.

That evening after all of the activity, spend some time being quiet before the Lord reflecting on all that He has done for you.