

## Why Should I Be Water Baptized?

➤ ***To Follow The Example Set By Jesus.***

*Mark 1:9* “At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.”

➤ ***Because Jesus Commands It.***

*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.”

➤ ***It Demonstrates That I Really Am A Believer.***

*Acts 18:8* “Many others in Corinth also listened to Paul and believed and were baptized.” NCV

➤ ***It Prepares My Heart To Receive The Fullness Of The Spirit***

*Acts 2:38* “Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

## What Are The Results Of Water Baptism?

➤ ***It Releases Me To Experience The Fullness Of The New Life***

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4* “...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

*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.”

➤ ***It Releases Me To Enter Into God's Promises***

*Colossians 2:11-12* “In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, 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.”

*Deuteronomy 30:6* “The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.” NIV

# Who Should Be Baptized?

*Every Person Who Has Believed In Christ*

*Acts 2:41* “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

*Acts 8:13* “Simon himself believed and was baptized.”

*Acts 8:12* “But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

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

# When Should I Be Baptized?

*As soon as you have believed!*

*Acts 2:41* “Those who accepted ... were baptized ... that day.”

*Acts 8:35-38* “Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.”

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*”!