
Why do people get baptized?



People get baptized to tell others they have joined God's family. When you are baptized, you are telling your family and neighbors that you have accepted Jesus as your Savior. People get baptized to show they are doing what Jesus wants them to do. In Matthew 28:19-20 it says, "Jesus said, 'So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you.'" We are obeying Jesus when we get baptized.

How is a person baptized?

The word, BAPTIZE, means to "put in the water." When you are baptized, you will be in the water. In the book of Acts, a man named Philip baptized an officer. "...Philip and the officer went down into the water, and Philip baptized him," (Acts 8:38). People are baptized in many different places such as a river, lake, or a swimming pool. Philip used a river. Risen King uses something that looks like a small swimming pool. You will be baptized by a pastor at Risen King in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The pastor will pray for you and then quickly dunk you under the water. Since you are telling others that Jesus is in your life when you are baptized, there will be other people watching and listening. A baptism is a celebration and your friends and family will support you and celebrate with you on this big day. This is how Jesus taught us to be baptized.

Who can be baptized?

In the Bible, followers of Jesus were baptized after they joined God's family. When you invite Jesus into your heart, you are joining God's family. You should wait to be baptized until you have accepted Jesus into your heart. You should wait because when you are baptized you are saying (ON THE OUTSIDE) that Jesus is in your heart and life (ON THE INSIDE).



Be watching for the dates of the next baptism at Risen King.

We usually have a baptism on Easter Sunday on campus and one in September at the lake.

There will be a U-20 baptism class for all who are under 20 and interested in baptism.

Contact the church office @ 244-2300 with any questions

A Note to families:

At Risen King we believe that being baptized should be a guided decision in an individual's life. We want to create a partnership between families and Risen King as each person grows in his or her walk with Jesus. If someone in your family expresses interest in being baptized, we encourage you to talk with them about what baptism means. This brochure offers valuable information in contemporary language that can help facilitate discussion.

A few guidelines to help determine whether you are ready to be baptized:

- Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior?
- Can you give a brief testimony of when that happened and what that means in your life?
- Can you express why you want to be baptized?
- Do you understand what being baptized means?

If you have any questions or need more information please call
Risen King Community Church 244-2300.

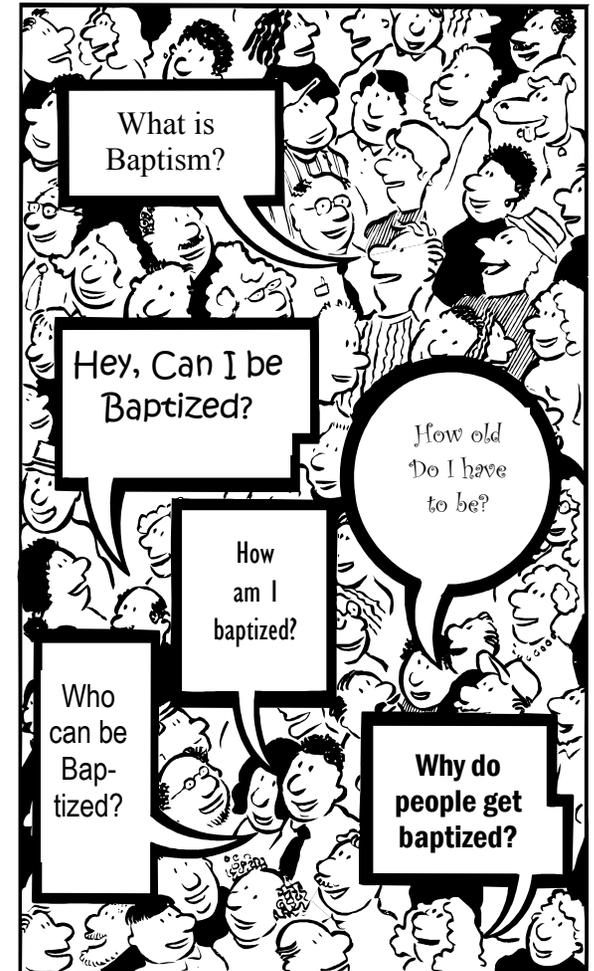


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