

So...

what does
baptism
mean?

want
to be
baptized?

baptism
at
the
vineyard

- It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

"Christ died for our sins...
He was buried...
and He rose again."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- It illustrates new life as a Christian.

"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Who should be baptized?

Every person who believes in Christ.

- “Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized...” -Acts 2:41
- “But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” -Acts 8:12

What about children?

At the Vineyard, we wait until infants and young children are old enough to believe in Jesus on their own and understand the meaning of baptism before they are baptized. Until then, we encourage families to dedicate their babies to God and the church community, which is a very meaningful event like baptism! (See “Child Dedication” information for more details.)

When should a person be baptized?

As soon as you have believed!

- “Those who believed... were baptized... that day!” -Acts 2:41
- “Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, “Look, here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?” Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The man answered, “I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” -Acts 8:35-38

Why should I be baptized?

To follow the example set by Jesus.

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

Because Christ commands it.

- “Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” -Matthew 28:19-20

It demonstrates your faith in Jesus.

- “Many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” -Acts 18:8
- “We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.” -1 John 2:3

Why be baptized by immersion (under water)?

- Every baptism in the Bible was done this way, including Jesus:

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” -Matthew 3:16

“Then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...” -Acts 8:38-39

- The Greek word for “baptize” means “to immerse or dip under water.”
- Immersion best symbolizes burial and resurrection with Jesus.

Do I have to be re-baptized at the Vineyard?

Nope. The only Biblical test for a “genuine” baptism is the faith of the person being baptized. It is a covenant between Jesus and the believer, not an initiation ritual to a particular church or denomination.

Can my family be baptized together?

Yes! If each family member understands the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized together.

However, it's important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It's usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them and delays your obedience.

Where will I be baptized?

At the Vineyard, we have a baptismal tub in the auditorium. Baptisms here usually take place during the service.

We ask that you dress modestly in either setting: dark colored shirt and shorts/pants. Don't forget to bring a dry change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes!