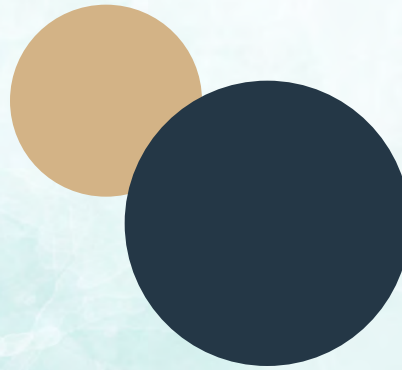


# MEMORIZE

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...



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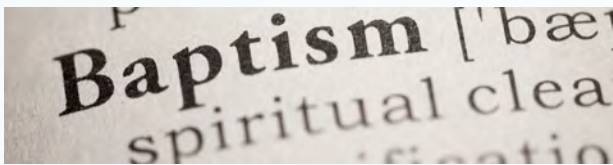
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# BAPTISM

*For Kids*

Obedience of Faith



## I. What is Christian Baptism?

Matthew 28:19-20

A. When you are submerged in water by a Pastor or other mature Christian on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The word Baptism is translated from the Greek word *Baptidzo* which means to immerse or dunk.

B. It is always done to somebody who has said they have genuine faith in Jesus as their Savior.

C. It is an act of obedience.

1. Jesus told us to repent and be Baptized.

Read Matthew 28:19-20: Who was given all authority in Heaven and on Earth?

## II. What does Baptism mean?

A. Cleansing Acts 22:16

1. In the Bible most Baptisms happened directly after a person confessed and asked for forgiveness of their sin. SIN = anything we think, say, or do that does not please God. The Bible tells us that all have sinned... Rom 3:23

B. Identification Romans 6:3-4

1. When you go under the water and come up again during Baptism, it reminds us of when Jesus was buried and rose again on the third day. You are declaring identification with Him.

C. Regeneration Titus 3:5

1. It is not by anything we could ever do on our own; but only by what HE did on the cross and through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are made new.

Read Romans 6:3-4 and fill in the blank! We too might walk...

## III. How does Baptism work?

1 Peter 3:21

A. The water does not save you; but faith in Christ does. Baptism is a symbol of our faith.

1. Salvation is by grace through faith alone. Ephesians 2:8-9

2. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

3. A symbol is an item that represents something else. When you see someone with a wedding ring on (a symbol) it shows they are married. When you see an American flag (a symbol) you think of The United States of America. Baptism symbolizes our death to sin, although it does not wash away our sin. Jesus took care of that at the cross.

Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.



## IV. What Are You Saying by Being Baptized?

A. I have repented and declared loyalty to Jesus as the risen and reigning Lord, and my Savior. Romans 10:9-10

1. When you have confessed that you are a sinner and repented (changed your mind about sin, turned away from sin, and turned to God) and want to be forgiven, you tell God that you are sorry. When God forgives us, He chooses not to keep reminding us of what we have done wrong in the past.

B. I am His disciple now and forever. Matthew 28:18-20

1. A disciple of Jesus is one who is learning from Him. As Christians, we are to follow the example of Christ, to love one another (John 13:35). It means we try to be more like Jesus, to be more honest, dependable, faithful, righteous, and holy (1 Peter 1:16)

C. I am trusting His work in life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension as the basis for my salvation. It is not about what I have done for God, but what Christ has done for me (Romans 3:28)

Have you trusted Jesus? Have you repented of sin? Do you desire to be a disciple of Christ?

## V. How is a person Baptized at Trail Christian Fellowship?

1. Make an appointment with a Pastor to share your decision.

2. Sign up online a week before the Baptism.

3. On Baptism day you need to bring a towel and an appropriate bathing suit or shorts to change into after church service. At TCF we have an outdoor Baptismal pool. When you get Baptized, there will be a Pastor, a Worship Leader, and other TCF members in the Baptismal courtyard who will be watching and worshipping as you are Baptized.

Everyone who will be Baptized that day will gather around. One at a time, each person being Baptized, will step into the pool with the Pastor. He will ask you a couple of questions about your decision to follow Jesus; then he will pray over you. He will have you gently pinch your own nose (so you will not get water in it). When he is done praying and pronounces that you will be Baptized, "In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit" he will put his hand on your back and dip you backwards into the water. Do not be afraid, he will not let go of you, and he will quickly help you back out of the water.

The people in the courtyard will be happy about the decision you made to be Baptized, and they might clap for you, and some may want to give you a hug.

