

Just Do It “Baptism”

Discuss

The Christian faith has two sacraments, they are baptism and holy communion. A sacrament is something that is physical or tangible that signifies something sacred. A good example of this is a wedding ring. Simply putting on a wedding ring does not cause you to become married, but many people choose to wear a ring after they are married to signify to the world that they have committed themselves to one person.

Baptism is a symbol to that world that you have begun a committed relationship with God. It is the first thing that He asks us to do once we make that commitment.

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’

“Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented.” [\(Matthew 3:13-15, NIV\)](#)

- Why do you think Jesus was so adamant about John baptizing him? Did Jesus need to show the world anything?
- Have you personally been baptized? If so, what convinced you to do so? If not, are you still exploring to see whether this is something that you want to do?
- Are there any items that you have that mean so much to you because of what they symbolize? What are they and why do they mean so much to you?

After Jesus was baptized by John, He later commanded us to baptize all new believers. Baptism was something that Jesus intended to serve as a unique sign that marked those who had entered into a relationship with Him.

“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.” [\(Matthew 28:19-20, NIV\)](#)

- This passage has come to be known as the “Great Commission.” What is Jesus asking Christ followers to do in this passage?
- Are there any good reasons for a Christ follower not to be baptized?
- Think back to the day that you were baptized - what sticks out to you the most? If you have not been baptized, what do you think it will be like?

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God has made it easy for us to show the world that we have made a decision to follow Him through baptism. But many of us still may have questions such as: “What if my family can not come?” “Have I waited too long?” or “What if I was baptized as a baby?” Click on the baptism link below for a list of answers to the top 10 most commonly asked questions.

[FREQUENTLY ASKED BAPTISM QUESTIONS](#)

“So what are you waiting for? Get up and get yourself baptized, scrubbed clean of those sins and personally acquainted with God.” [\(Acts 22:16, MSG\)](#)

- Are you coming to be baptized this weekend, or do you know someone who is coming to be baptized? Why is this event such a celebration?
- What are some commonly held misconceptions about baptism? How did you get your questions answered?

Jesus asks everyone who comes to Him to go public for Him. To be unashamed and to stand up and say, “Yes, I am a follower of Jesus.” The way in which He asks us to do that is through baptism. It is not about having your act together or being “better” than anyone else. It is about starting a journey with God where we are transformed to become more like Him each day. We will struggle at times and even fail - that is to be expected. But what will also be clear is who you are and, more importantly, who you follow!

September 14 : [MeckKidz Baptism Orientation Online](#)

September 15: [REALIFE High School Ministry](#)

September 15: [The Big Picture Bible Study: The Church](#)

September 18: [Habitat for Humanity Serve Day](#)

Daily: [Training Camp](#)

Continued Reading

Read: [1 Peter 3:20-21](#)

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Prayer

God,

You are clear with what you want us to do. And the first thing that you ask from us is to get baptized. I pray for all of those who are considering getting baptized this weekend. I pray that it is clear to them that this is an event that you smile upon. Thank you for making a way for us to have a relationship with you.

Amen