



WHY WATER BAPTISM???

Matthew 28:19—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Water Baptism by immersion is a vital step in the discipleship process at Grace Life Church. It is available to all who profess the Name of Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Being sprinkled as infant misses the Scriptural point of Baptism on all levels. It is more of “church tradition” than Scriptural truth.

Commitment to Christ always precedes Baptism. Baptism does not wash away our sins, only the precious Blood of Jesus, our Lord and Savior can do that. Baptism by immersion in water is a public profession that you belong to Jesus Christ. It is a visual testimony of our commitment to Christ.

Water Baptism is identifying with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. As you stand in the water you are representing Christ on the cross. As you go under the water you illustrate the death and burial of Christ. As you come up out of the water you signify the resurrection of Christ and your commitment to a new life in Him.

Colossians 2:11-12 You were...buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Water Baptism shows that you are in Christ and one with Him for the rest of your life. It reconfirms your new identity in Him. It is an outward sign of our inward transformation.

Just as a wedding ceremony and wedding ring are outward signs of your marriage commitment to your spouse, Water Baptism is an outward sign of your commitment to *Christ*.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Baptism lets that the world know that you belong to God; that you know that you are deeply-loved and highly-favored of Him.

Matthew 3:16-17 And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo, a voice from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Know that God is pleased with you as you begin to live your life with this new label. Tell others about it too. You have a ministry, a heavenly call, and an eternal purpose.

Romans 8:19 The world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God.

We invite you to take this meaningful next step as you become more-fully devoted followers of Christ!