

## Water Baptism

Water Baptism is one the most exciting steps you can take in your Christian faith!

*As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17*

This verse encompasses the main reason why we are baptized: God the Father is pleased when we obey His word and follow His son in baptism.

Water Baptism is a public declaration of 3 important things:

**1. You are a follower of Jesus Christ.**

*Those who accepted his message were baptized... Acts 2:41*

**2. You are beginning a changed life in Jesus Christ.**

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

**3. You are part of a new family.**

*So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27*

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