

## What Baptism Means

### **Baptism is commanded by Jesus for all believers.**

“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...” Matthew 28:19-20

### **Baptism is a vital part of the life of every Christian.**

“Peter replied, [R]epent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” Acts 2:38

### **Baptism is a symbol of your new life in God. You have gone from death to life!**

“Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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 6:2-4

### **Being baptized connects you to a larger family of God.**

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41

### **Baptism represents the fact that as a Christian, your sins have been completely washed away. This is why we completely immerse you in the water to symbolically wash you free from sin.**

“...And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.” Acts 22:16 NIV

### **Baptism is a seal of your good standing with God.**

“...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Peter 3:21 NIV

### **Baptism is a public declaration of who is the leader of your life.**

“...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Galatians 3:27 NIV

“...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:12 NIV