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Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

# STUDENT WATER BAPTISM

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Dear Student,

Baptism is more than just a tradition or ceremony—it's a powerful declaration of your faith and a public symbol of the transformation that has taken place in your heart. When you make the decision to follow Jesus, baptism is your way of saying, "I've decided to live a new life in Christ."

In Romans 6:4, the Apostle Paul says, "*For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*" This verse paints a beautiful picture of what baptism means. Going under the water represents dying to your old self and your old way of life, and coming up out of the water is like rising with Jesus to walk in newness of life.

It's important to know that baptism doesn't save us—only Jesus does. But it is an act of obedience and an outward expression of an inward change. It's your way of telling the world, "I belong to Jesus!"

If you've already given your life to Christ but haven't yet been baptized, I want to encourage you to take that next step. It's not about being perfect or having everything figured out—it's about walking in obedience and stepping into the fullness of your relationship with God.

If you have any questions about baptism—what it means, why it matters, or whether you're ready—please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to walk with you and celebrate this amazing step of faith in your life.

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# Student Water Baptism

## Why Should I Be Baptized?

Water Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus and a symbol of your new life in Him. Jesus himself first set the example of being baptized (Matthew 3:13-17), and we get baptized to follow the example that Jesus set (1 Peter 2:21) and as an act of obedience to Him (Matthew 28:19-20).

## Who Should Be Baptized?

Anyone who has made the decision to follow Jesus and has repented from their sin (Acts 2:36-38). Baptism is for those who have accepted Jesus into their heart and want to publicly share that they are leaving behind their old life and are embracing a new life in Jesus.

## What Does Water Baptism Indicate?

Water baptism indicates that:

1. I am a believer — it is a public commitment and an outward expression of faith in Jesus. Jesus died publicly for us, and baptism is our opportunity to go public for Him.
2. I am dying to my old life and have been raised with Jesus to new life (symbolism)
3. I want to follow Jesus for the rest of my life, with his help and his grace — you don't have to be "perfect" or have everything together before being baptized.

## **How Will I Be Baptized?**

The word “Baptized” means “to immerse”. Jesus was baptized in Matthew 3:16 by being lowered into the water and being brought back out.

- We use a baptism tank—there are steps and we will help you in and out.
- We invite you to share why you are choosing to be baptized (this can include your testimony or how Jesus’ love for you has impacted your life).
  - We will pray over you.
- We ask people to cross their arms over their chest and hold their nose. One of our pastors will lower you into the water and immediately bring you back up.

## **How Should I Prepare?**

1. Prayerfully and expectantly come with an open heart to water baptism so it will be a significant experience.
  2. Invite family and friends!
3. Prepare a short testimony to share just before being baptized (you can share in person or we can prepare a video to be shown before your baptism).

## **Things To Remember:**

- You can reserve seats up front if you wish.
- Wear your regular clothing to church and bring dark clothing for baptism to change into.
- Don’t forget to bring a towel and a plastic bag for wet clothes!