



What is Baptism?

- 1 Initiation
- 2 Identification
- 3 Declaration

1 Initiation

Marks a person's entrance into the church.

The beginning — not the end — of their discipleship journey with Christ!

1 Initiation

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **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" (Matt 28:18-20).

2 Identification

Identification with the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — and with Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Water baptism **outwardly** symbolizes the forgiveness and new life that has already taken place **inwardly** through the Holy Spirit.*

2 Identification

"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 6:3-4).

3 Declaration

Baptism doesn't signify that someone has it all figured out and is perfect; rather, it is a *declaration that God has done a remarkable work in their life, has forgiven them, transformed them, and that they now want to follow Christ in new life through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Invitation

Remember your own baptism

Consider this step of obedience in your own journey

Investigate further what it means to follow Christ