

how does Calvary baptize?

If you would like to be baptized at Calvary Chapel Salt Lake you must complete the four-week Baptism class before being baptized.

Class begins on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Adult Ed room and continues for four Sundays. The last class culminates with baptism in the Sanctuary. If you would like to be notified for the next baptism class, please fill out the information below and return it to the Information Counter.

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what is baptism?

BAPTISM IS A PICTURE OF NEW LIFE IN JESUS - Baptism is a symbolic picture of our new life in Jesus Christ. The waters of baptism are a picture of the cleansing we have experienced as our sins have been washed away through the blood of Jesus. *"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."* (Acts 22:16)

When the believer is put under the water in baptism, it represents the death and burial of their old life. Coming up out of the water is a beautiful symbol of resurrection and walking in newness of 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 6:3-4)

why do we baptize?

BAPTISM IS AN IMPORTANT STEP OF OBEDIENCE - Why should I be baptized? The Bible teaches that baptism is an important step of obedience following a believer's new birth (John 3:3). Jesus commanded it and His disciples practiced it. Since believers call Jesus 'Lord,' it's only reasonable that they should want to obey His commands.

BAPTISM IS A PUBLIC CONFESSION OF FAITH - Through baptism the believer is not only obeying Christ's command, but also making a public confession of their faith in Jesus. The Bible tells us that our faith in Jesus is solidified by our words and our public acknowledgement of Him. In baptism, we confess before everyone gathered that we have committed our lives to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

MUST I BE BAPTIZED IN ORDER TO BE SAVED? - There are some who teach that a person cannot be saved unless they are baptized. There are also those who believe in 'baptismal regeneration' - that the new birth is experienced only upon baptism.

However, there is no basis for either of these teachings in the Bible. The Apostle Paul, who was sent by God to preach the Good News of Salvation said; *"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel..."* (1Cor. 1:17). If baptism were a

requirement for salvation, he would never have made such a statement.

Also, in the 10th chapter of Acts we see the first Gentile believers receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit before being baptized. This would be impossible if they could only be regenerated through baptism.

So we see that baptism is not regeneration or an absolute requirement for salvation. It is, however, an important step of obedience, identification, and commitment which follows the new birth.

how should I be baptized?

It is clear from Scripture that the early church practiced baptism by immersion. Therefore, we also practice baptism by immersion for those who have been born again through faith in Jesus Christ.

when should I be baptized?

Baptism should be done after a person has trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of his or her sins. Jesus tells us to make disciples and baptize. At Calvary we believe He meant it to be done in that order. That's also the pattern seen in the Bible in places like Acts 8:38.

If you were baptized as an infant or at any time before you trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of your sins, we encourage you to be baptized again.

