

# Adult Baptism Application

*If a child is being baptized, then he/she must be able to clearly explain, on their own (in their meeting with a pastor) the time when they came to salvation through Jesus Christ and also have a clear understanding of baptism and its meaning. Of course, this would be true for adults as well.*

Name (print full name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*If a child is being baptized:*

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please take time to complete the rest of this application, filling out the answers to the questions. This ensures for us that you have read and understand Baptism.*

## The Importance of Being Baptized

### 1. Why should I be Baptized?

- To follow the example set by \_\_\_\_\_.

*"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan (river)." (Mark 1:9)*

- Because Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*"Then Jesus came to them and said... '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.'" (Matthew 28:19-20)*



## 2. What is the meaning of Baptism?

- It illustrates Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and resurrection.

*"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

*"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." (Colossians 2:12)*

- It illustrates my \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

*"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)*

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart. This is why we use the phrase, "It's an outward sign of an inward change."

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9)*

## 3. Who should be Baptized?

- Every person who has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

*"Yet to all who **received** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12)*

*"Those who accepted His message were baptized..." (Acts 2:41)*

*"But when they believed...they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:12)*

There is no reason to delay! As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized.

## Your Personal Testimony

On the next page, please take a moment to briefly share your relationship with Christ. Include how you came to faith in Christ (when you received him into your life, a little of your background, how long you've been a Christian, your spiritual pilgrimage, and describe your current relationship with Jesus Christ).

