

We are so glad that you have decided to pick up this resource. Hopefully, by reading this, many of your questions about baptism will be answered .

From the very beginning of the church, baptism has been an important event in the lives of those who have decided to follow Jesus Christ.

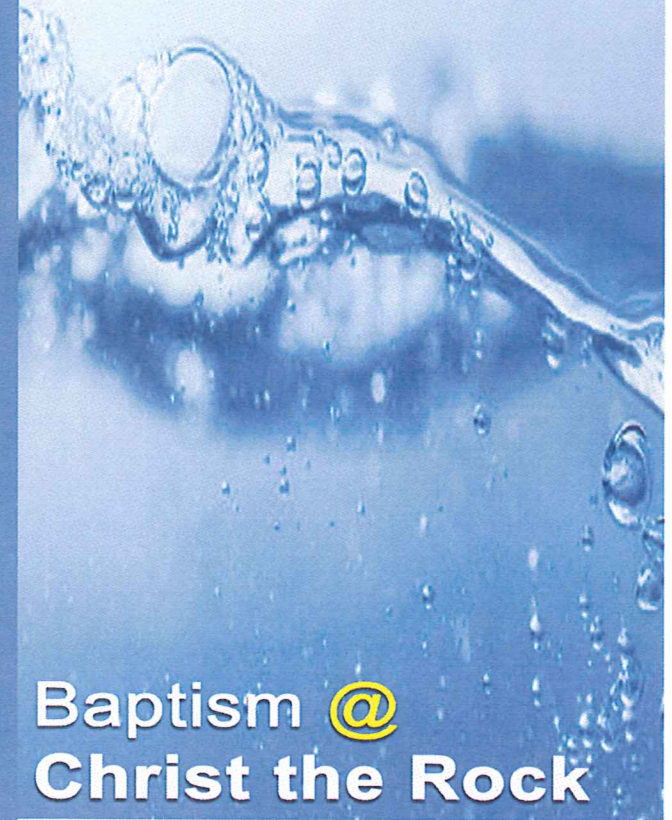
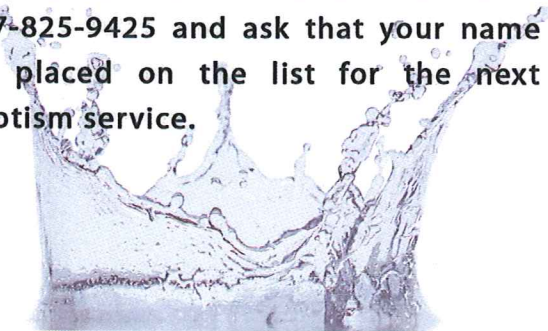
Water Baptism is a public declaration of your intention to follow Christ and live your life for him. It is the event that launches us forward on our spiritual journey of growth in God.

If you have any questions after reading this brochure, don't hesitate to call our offices and speak to a pastor. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

If you desire to be baptized, you can register online at:

www.ChristTheRockBoston.org

or you can call the church office at 617-825-9425 and ask that your name be placed on the list for the next baptism service.



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Why is it so important to be baptized?

- It is a matter of obedience. Jesus said that all his followers must be baptized.
- You have not gone public with your faith until you are baptized.
- This is God's chosen way for us to express that we agree with His teachings.
- When you are baptized you mean business. You are serious about your faith.

It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and He rose again." --I 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 new life as a Christian.

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" --2 Corinthians. 5:17

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life!" --Romans 6:4

Does baptism save me?

Baptism doesn't "save" you; only your faith in Christ can do that.

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe.

Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart.

"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

Why be baptized by immersion?

Because Jesus was baptized that way.
"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." --Matthew 3:16

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.
(Example) "...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." --Acts 8:38-39

It best symbolized a burial and resurrection!

Who should be baptized?

Every person who believes in Christ.
"Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized..." --Acts 2:41

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...they were baptized, both men and women." --Acts 8:12

I was baptized as a baby, should I do it again?

Some churches practice infant baptism. This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible which was intended for those old enough to believe.

The purpose of baptism is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ. As a child, you were not able to understand and make a decision about what you would believe.

At Christ the Rock Church, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

We also encourage those who have been baptized as infants and have later made a decision to follow Christ, to be baptized again, to follow the biblical pattern.

When Should I be baptized?

As soon as you believe.
"Those who believe...were baptized...that day!" --Acts 2:41

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect", you'll never feel "good enough"!

Can my family and friends be baptized together?

Yes! If each person fully understands the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time.

We also encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

What should I wear when I am baptized?

When you get baptized, you may wear a swimsuit (one piece), or shorts and a colored shirt that you don't mind getting wet. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

Will I have to say anything?

You will be asked to share a brief testimony of the difference that Jesus has made in your life. Don't worry if you have a hard time speaking in public, our pastors will be standing next to you to guide you through your testimony.

How do I sign up for baptism?

You can register on the website, call the office to have your name placed on a list for the next baptism, or simply indicate your desire to be baptized on your Connection Card during a service.

