



# downtown Christian Church

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Believer's Baptism

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## What is Baptism and why should I be baptized?

### Baptism in the Scriptures...

1. Jesus Himself was baptized as our example

**Mat 3:16** After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,

2. Baptism is closely related with salvation

**Mar 16:15,16** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

**Act 2:37,38,41** Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

3. Baptism is representative of and imperative to dying to our "old self" and being resurrected to our "new life" in Christ

**Rom 6:3-5** Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

**Gal 3:27** For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Col 2:11,12** and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

## Baptism at DCC...

### **We administer believer's baptism.**

- We believe that it is a prerequisite to baptism to make a confession that Jesus Christ is your Lord and your Savior.
- We do not baptize babies or children until they are able to reasonably make a confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

### **You will be asked two questions. If you can answer “yes” to both of them, we believe that you meet the qualifications for Christian baptism.**

1. Have you confessed that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior?
2. Are you willing to die to yourself that the life and glory of Christ could be manifest in you?

### **We administer “full emersion” baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Mat 28.19).**

**You will get wet. Don't forget to bring a towel and a change of clothes.**