

BAPTISMS

S H O U T I N G M Y S T O R Y

Matthew 28:18-20 - Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To Follow the example set by Jesus - Mark 1:9
2. Because Jesus commanded it - Matthew 28:19-20
3. It shows we know Jesus by obeying him - 1 John 2:3

What is the Meaning of Baptism?

1. The word "Baptize" means "to dip or immerse."
2. It illustrates Christ's death, burial, and resurrection:

Romans 6:3-5 - Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

3. It is a public profession of Salvation (an outward expression of an inward change). It proclaims to all the world that you have taken Christ Jesus as the Lord of your lives, and that it is your purpose always to obey Him.

When Should I Be Baptized?

1. Baptism comes after your decision to become a disciple of Jesus.
2. When you understand the significance of the step you are taking:

Baptism is an extremely important step of obedience in the believer's life. It is an acknowledgment of the salvation experience already accomplished in one's life and signifies devotion to God. Baptism is an *outward expression of an inward transformation* often associated with a commitment to living a holy life; a life dependent on the Holy Spirit through the life of Christ in the community of the Church.

What do I do?

Let the Crosspoint Staff know you need to be Baptized:

- send an email to office@crosspointchurch.ca
- fill out the "I need to get Baptized" card, drop it off at the Hello Desk or in an offering box/bucket

What do I need?

Wear a dark or coloured t-shirt (instead of white).

Other things you will need:

- towel
- change of clothes
- water shoes/sandals (flip flops tend to slip off)

What should I expect?

Wait for Pastor Mark to motion for you to enter the baptismal tank. Pastor Mark will greet you in the tank, then he will introduce you to the watching crowd.

Pastor Mark will ask you two questions:

- 1) Have you decided to give your life to Jesus?
- 2) Is it your desire to live for Him for the rest of your days?

Following those questions, Pastor Mark and the assisting Pastor will dunk you. Expect the watching crowd to go nuts and cheer you on!

There will be a Baptism Certificate available for you to pick up.