

# PERSONAL INFORMATION RECORD

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS RECORD AND GIVE IT TO THE PASTOR AT THE REQUIRED BELIEVER'S BAPTISM CLASS.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended Crossroads? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in a Marriage / Small Group?  YES  NO

Have you attended a Foundations of Faith Class?  YES  NO

Who are your closest friends at Crossroads?

\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

Please share the story of your salvation and why you want to be baptized.

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**"Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16**

# BAPTISM IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN.

THIS STUDY WILL HELP YOU TO BETTER UNDERSTAND ITS IMPORTANCE.

# 1

## BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

There are only two ordinances in the Christian Church—baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion). We call these "ordinances" because our Lord directed the church to practice them.

THESE ORDINANCES ARE:

1) **Instituted in the Gospels**

Baptism—Matthew 28:18  
Lord's Supper—Luke 22:19

2) **Celebrated in the Acts**

Baptism—Acts 2:41  
Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42

3) **Explained in the Epistles**

Baptism—Romans 6:1  
Lord's Supper—1 Corinthians 10:14

There are many other references in Scripture to support these truths. Therefore, we conclude that it is our Lord's will for the church to practice these ordinances regularly, properly, and purposefully.

# 2

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

- 1) In Acts 2:41, what did the people do who had received the word of Peter about salvation?
- 2) Read Acts 16:30-33. What did Paul tell the Philippian jailer he must do to be saved? When was the jailer baptized?
- 3) Read Acts 10:47-48. Peter's reluctance to baptize Cornelius and his household was gone after he realized Cornelius had been...
- 4) Do these passages indicate that baptism should come before or after salvation?

There is no Scriptural evidence of anyone being baptized in Christ before repenting of sin and trusting in Jesus alone for their salvation. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward conversion. The reality of faith must precede one's professing faith in baptism. Therefore, infant baptism, or baptism prior to salvation is not Biblical baptism. We invite you to follow Biblical examples and publicly profess your faith in Jesus through water baptism.

## 3

### WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

1. Read Romans 6:3-11 and complete the following "baptism pictures."

A) \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3) going down into the water

B) \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4a) total submersion, and

C) \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4b) coming up out of the water

2. Baptism is the declaration of a believer's identification with Jesus in His:

D \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_ and

R \_\_\_\_\_

3. Baptism is also the public acknowledgement that the old man and his ways are \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:6) and the new man is raised to walk (to live) a \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:4).

4. Baptism is a symbol. (See Galatians 3:27 and Colossians 2:12)

It is an outward, physical sign of an inward, spiritual reality.

It pictures the past (putting to death the old man) and it pictures the future (willingness to follow Christ).

# 4

## THESE PICTURES DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE BECOMES A CHRISTIAN.

Has this happened to you?       YES     NO

When? \_\_\_\_\_

(An approximation is OK if you can't remember the exact date)

Baptism does not represent a "recommitment" to Christ. There is one moment of salvation and one testimony by baptism. (Ephesians 4:5) Recommitment of our faith and obedience to Christ are very significant moments. We certainly do not want to underestimate the value of one's renewal of their commitment to Christ. However, if you have already been saved and subsequently baptized, we do not want you to confuse the ordinance of baptism (which represents salvation) with a recommitment to Christ as Lord.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BAPTISM DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

BAPTISM TIME: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ **AM / PM**

ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ **AM / PM**

## WHERE WILL WE MEET?

We meet in the Chapel on the west side of the parking lot. You may change in the bathrooms and leave your things there or bring them to your seat. Five minutes before starting, we will meet in the Groom's Room for prayer and any questions about the service.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Bring the clothes you will be baptized in, and a towel. Friends and family are invited. Cameras and video cameras are welcome.

## HOW SHOULD I DRESS?

You will be totally immersed in water, so please dress modestly. Women should wear shorts and a dark colored t-shirt with a swimming suit underneath. Men should wear a swimming suit or shorts and a t-shirt.

## WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO?

You will be asked your name and the question "Have you received Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?" The pastor will pray for you and instruct you to cross your arms. You may plug your nose if you like. Don't be nervous. Our pastors are experienced at performing baptisms and will make sure all goes well.