

FAQs Baptism
Why do I exist...and the beauty of Baptism!

- I. God pursues you out of Love.
 - a. Popular answers
 - i. Some people think we exist because God needs you.
 1. Acts 17:24-25, 1 John 4:8
 - ii. Some people think we exist to do good.
 1. People think we do the best that we can and hope it is good enough for God.
 2. What can you do for God that he can't already do for himself?
 - b. Jesus defines the purpose of life in Mark 12:30-31 and John 17:3
 - i. The bible gives us a beautiful picture of God creating us for relationship. Genesis 1;26,27; 2:7;
 - ii. The bible explains to us very early on that Adam and eve Sinned and sin separates us from God. Isaiah 59:2; 64:6;
 - iii. The Bible is God's pursuit of us to redeem us from the wage of sin. (Genesis 3:9,15; Romans 5:8)
 - c. Why Do I exist? God created you for a relationship with him. He made you so that you may enjoy his glorious presence forever and reflect His image.

- II. John 3 shares How we should respond to a God who lovingly pursues us.
 - a. Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. John 3:1-2
 - b. Jesus clarifies the primary point of His arrival to earth.
 - i. John 3:3 tells us WHAT MUST HAPPEN. (See also Ephesians 2:1,5)
 - c. Jesus explains his statement in John 3:3
 - i. Explanation John 3:4-8- This rebirth of water and spirit in verse 5 is defined in verse 6.
 - ii. Chastisement to Nicodemus John 3:9-15
 - iii. Explanation John 3:16-18

- III. Why should a born again follower of Jesus be Baptized.
 - Baptism demonstrates that just as Jesus was buried and raised so is the believer to a new relationship and an eternal hope in Christ. 2 cor 5:17
 - Baptism water is a symbol of the cleansing that Christ has accomplished for you. 1 Corinthians 6:11
 - You are professing that you belong to Christ. Galatians 2:20
 - You are declaring you have died to the old self and are being raised to the new self in Christ. Romans 7:6
 - You are baptized in the name of the father son and spirit. Demonstrating the completion of God's plan on your behalf to redeem you for eternity with Him. Matthew 28:19-20
 - Baptism is a believers wedding ceremony. You are publically saying to the world I belong to Jesus and therefore I am Jesus Bride's. (Rev 19:7; 21:2)
 - Baptism is a symbol that just as he has given his life for you. SO you are publicly giving your life to Him. Matt 10:39
 - As followers of Christ, Jesus has asked us to declare our allegiance to him through baptism. To demonstrate to the world not that baptism saves us but to display outwardly the salvation that Jesus has brought inwardly. (Acts 8:12,38)