



I HAVE DECIDED

A GUIDE TO WATER BAPTISM

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

WE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY CHRIST.

MARK 1:9 "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."

IT IS A STEP OF OBEDIENCE.

MATTHEW. 28:19-20 "Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.'"

IT DEMONSTRATES THAT I AM A BELIEVER.

ACTS 18:8 "... many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized."

1 JOHN 2:3 "We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands."

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

IT IS A PICTURE OF JESUS' BURIAL AND RESURRECTION.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 "Christ died for our sins ... He was buried ... and He rose again."

COLOSSIANS. 2:12 "For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."

IT ILLUSTRATES A NEW LIFE AS A BELIEVER IN CHRIST.

ROMANS. 6:4 "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."

Baptism doesn't make you a Christian; it demonstrates that you already believe. It's important to understand that baptism does not "save" you. You are "saved" only by your faith in Jesus.

Baptism is like my wedding ring. This ring doesn't "make me" married, it's simply a sign that I'm married. My vows and choices and commitments prove that I'm married. The ring is merely a symbol.

BAPTISM IS AN OUTWARD SIGN OF AN INWARD COMMITMENT.

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

EVERY PERSON WHO PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

ACTS 2:41 "Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized ..."

ACTS 2:41 "Those who believe ... were baptized ... that day!"