

# NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## WATER BAPTISM APPLICATION

What's Next? Should I be Baptized? Acts 8:36



### Where does the word Baptism come from?

Our English word '*baptize*' comes from the Greek word '*baptizo*' which means to immerse or dip something in a liquid.

### What does the Bible say about Baptism?

The Bible tells us four reasons why we as followers of Christ should be baptized in water:

#### Christ's Example Matt. 3:13-17

- To fulfill all righteousness
- To set a standard for His people to follow
- Jesus clearly showed us the manner or pattern to follow in baptism  
*(Not as an infant (Luke 2:22) but by total immersion (Mat. 3:16))*

#### Christ's Commandment Matt. 28:19-20

- Jesus commands the church to make disciples of all the nations
- Jesus taught in scriptures that we should make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### The Practice of the Disciples John 4:1-3

- It was the practice of the disciples to baptize in water all those who followed Jesus

### How were people Baptized in the Bible days?

- By being completely immersed in water. (Mk. 1:5, 10) John the Baptist baptized people by immersing them right in the Jordan River. When Philip baptized the eunuch, "they both went down into the water..." Acts 8:35-38
- In the New Testament the pattern was for people to - (Acts 2:37-41)
  - Hear the gospel
  - Repent and believe
  - Be baptized in water
- Water baptism took place upon conversion
  - Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41)
  - Philip at Samaria (Acts 8:12)
  - The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:36-38)
  - The Apostle Paul (Acts 9:18)
  - Cornelius' House (Acts 10:46-48)*(Their believing is implied by Acts 15:7-9)*

### What is the Significance of Baptism?

- The Spiritual Significance (Rom. 6:3-10)
- Dead to sin – Alive to God
- Buried with Christ – Risen with Him to new life
- A funeral service for the "old man"
- An **OUTWARD** act of an **INWARD** experience
- Not salvation in itself
- **MUST** be by **TOTAL IMMERSION**

## **Some Final Questions**

Do you desire to be identified as a follower of Christ?

Do you desire to turn from sin (repent) unto Jesus Christ?

## **What should I do?**

- Spend some time in prayer considering your choice and read these verses Eph. 2:4-10; Rom. 6:4.
- Fill out the Application form and hand it in to the office.
- Attend a Baptism preparation class which is essential for all Baptism candidates being baptized.
- Call one of the Pastors or church office at (905)-790-1084 with any questions you may have.

## **In Summary**

- Christians are baptized in water because of Christ's example, Christ's commandment, and the teaching and practice of the Early Church.
- Jesus died on the cross to free us from both the penalty of sin and the power of sin in our lives.
- When we are united to Christ by faith, we die to sin's power in our lives and are free to live for God.
- Water baptism symbolizes our union with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection and thus it portrays the fact that we are dead to sin and alive to God through Christ.

# Application for Baptism

The following information is needed for our church records.  
(Please print clearly and submit only this page to the office)



Name of Person being Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Personal Testimony

**Before Christ:**

**My conversion experience:**

**Spiritual Goals:**

*For Office Use Only*

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_