

**Question #7:** May my family be baptized together?

**YES!** If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his or her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment.

*“And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house... and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.”*  
*Acts 16:31,32, 33b*

However, it is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to receive Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them, and delays your obedience.

**Question #8:** What should I wear to my baptism?

Women should wear a dark colored top with shorts or long pants. Men may wear shorts and a shirt or a swimsuit. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

**Question #9:** Will I have to speak publicly at my baptism?

**No!** We understand that most people have a fear of public speaking. The pastor will ask you if you have believed in Jesus Christ for your salvation and if it is your intent to live for Christ. You will indicate, “Yes.” Then the pastor will say, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” He will then lay you back until you are fully immersed and then bring you right back up again.

**Question #10:** If I have already been baptized as a believer at another church, do I need to be baptized again? What if I wasn't baptized by immersion?

There is no need to be baptized again. Baptism is not an initiation into Church Requel; rather it is an ordination of the universal church. Immersion is our practice because we believe baptisms in the Bible were practiced this way. However, we recognize other forms of baptisms.

**Question #11:** If I have already been baptized once as a believer, may I be baptized a second time?

Nowhere does the Bible speak of anyone ever being baptized a second time as a believer. However, there is nothing that speaks against the practice either. There is no need to be baptized a second time. However, if you feel the desire to reaffirm your faith publicly, we would be happy to baptize you again.

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# Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

## We're So Glad You're Here!

We plan to celebrate Christ's love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you'll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. We've worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

## This Week: Baptism Teaching

Tonight we're going to answer all your questions about baptisms. We'll address the 11 most asked questions about baptism... and we'll make plans for our own baptism service here at CR!

## Next Week: Mission Statement

The mission of Church Requel is to be a community loving God and loving people. We're going to break that down into its four component parts. This mission forms the basis for all we do. Don't miss next week!

## Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel.

Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

## White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table.

## Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. We invite you to participate if you are a Christ-follower. You do not need to be a member of our church. Take the bread and cup back to your seat individually when you're ready.

## Want to Be Baptized?

Just write a note on the back of your info card and Pastor Mark will call you to make arrangements.

Visit our website: [www.ChurchRequel.org](http://www.ChurchRequel.org)



## 11 Frequently Asked Questions About Baptism

### Question #1: Why should I be baptized?

- To follow the example set by \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river." Mark 1:9*
- Because Christ \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
*"Jesus said, 'Go then to all people everywhere and make them disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.'" Matthew 28:19*
- It demonstrates that I really am a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"... many of the people who heard him believed and were baptized." Acts 18:8*  
  
*"We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands." 1 John 2:3*

### Question #2: What is the meaning of baptism?

- It illustrates Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and rose again." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*  
  
*"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." Colossians 2:12*
- It illustrates my \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian.  
*"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*
- Baptism does not make you a \_\_\_\_\_ - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that.  
*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is a gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:3-9*

### Question #3: Why be baptized by immersion?

- Because \_\_\_\_\_ was baptized that way.  
*"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." Matthew 3:16*
- Every baptism in the \_\_\_\_\_ was by immersion.  
 (Example): *"... then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39*
- The word "baptize" means to \_\_\_\_\_ water.  
 βαπτίζω **baptízō**; to dip. Immerse, submerge for a religious purpose, to overwhelm, saturate, baptize (The Complete Word Study Dictionary).
- Luther, Calvin and Wesley all agree that immersion best symbolizes burial and resurrection.

### Question #4: Who should be baptized?

Every person who has \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

*"Those who believed and accept His message were baptized..." Acts 2:41*

*"Simon himself believed and was baptized..." Acts 8:13*

*"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Acts 8:12*

### Believing Always Precedes Baptism

### Question #5: What about children? Should infants be baptized?

At Church Requel, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. Some churches practice a "baptism of confirmation" for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between parents and God on behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible.

### Question #6: When should I be baptized?

\_\_\_\_\_ I have believed!  
*"Those who believed... were baptized... that day." Acts 2:41*  
*(Also Acts 8:12 and 16:33)*