

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When/Where can I get water baptized?

Water baptism occurs every Saturday night immediately following the main worship service (except on holidays). It is located on the third floor in the Chapel. Use the elevators nearest the bookstore.

You will register there, hear a brief message on the meaning of water baptism, and be baptized. Family and friends are welcome to join you and take pictures. Right after your baptism, you will receive a Certificate of Baptism with your name on it signed by Pastor Joel.

2. What should I wear?

You will be provided a waterproof gown to wear, so there is no need to bring a change of clothes. You will also be provided a towel.

3. What about childcare?

Please pick up your children from childcare before being baptized, as the baptism will not conclude until around 9:30pm.

4. If I was baptized as a young child, should I get baptized again?

Yes. The Bible teaches that water baptism follows salvation. In order to receive salvation, a person must be of an age where they understand what salvation is and, as an act of their own will, pray to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We believe the minimum age for this is five. There are no accounts in the Bible of infants and young children being water baptized. Thus, if you were baptized as an infant or young child, we recommend you get water baptized again.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BAPTISM@LAKEWOOD.CC OR 713-491-1277.



SERVICE TIMES

SATURDAY	7:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am, 11:00am and 7pm 1:45pm (Español)
WEDNESDAY	7:30pm
THURSDAY	7:30pm (Español)

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WATER BAPTISM

Water baptism is a milestone event in the life of a believer.

Jesus Himself was baptized by John the Baptist before starting His public ministry, and commanded His disciples to baptize every believer.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 28:19

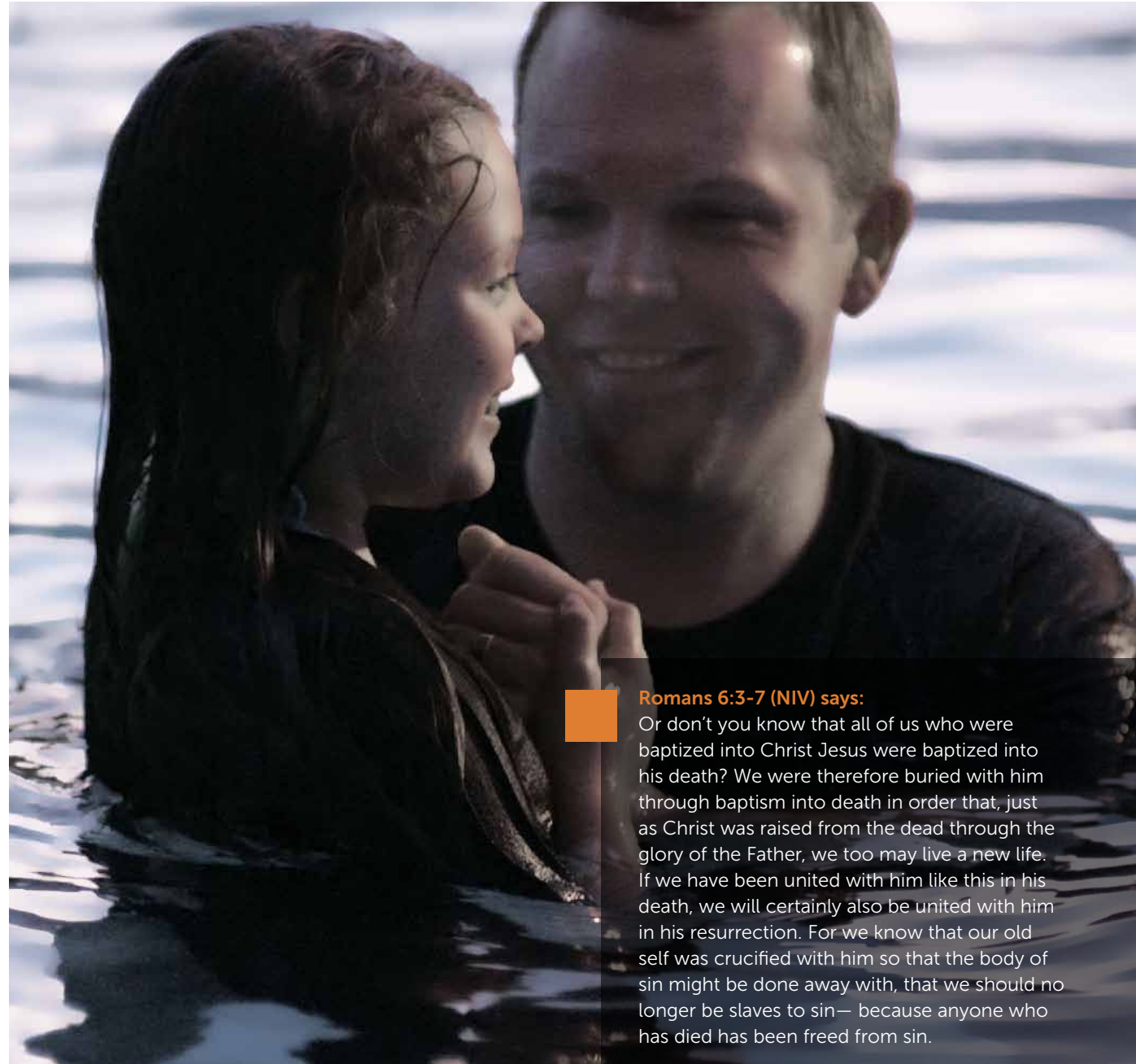


In receiving water baptism, we are following Jesus' example and obeying His command.

Water baptism is a public declaration of what Jesus Christ has done in the believer's life, and symbolizes **two powerful truths:**

1 **JESUS' OWN DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION FOR OUR SINS.**
The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." Jesus took all our sins upon Himself and died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Going down in the water symbolizes Jesus' death and burial, and the washing away of all our sins – past, present, and future – by His shed blood. Coming up from the water symbolizes Jesus' resurrection, in which He overcame sin and death so that we can have eternal life in Him.

2 **THE DEATH OF OUR "OLD SELF" TO SIN AND RAISING OF OUR "NEW SELF" IN CHRIST.**
When we go down in the water, we are proclaiming to heaven, earth, and hell, "My old life is gone. As Christ was buried, I am burying my old sin nature, bad habits; and past hurts, failures, and mistakes. From now on, I am dead to sin, my past, and the world's ways." When we come out of the water, we are proclaiming, "I am a new person with a new life in Christ Jesus." 2 Cor. 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."



Romans 6:3-7 (NIV) says:

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Water baptism is available to anyone who has received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

If you have never prayed to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, or if you would like to rededicate your life to Christ, we invite you to pray the following prayer:

God,

I know without Jesus I'm lost. But I don't want to be lost; I want to be saved. I accept the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus. I believe Jesus died for my sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. I ask Jesus to come into my heart now and be my Lord and Savior. I give You all that I am and all that I'll ever be. I surrender my life to Christ. Help me to follow Jesus daily, become the person You want me to be, and fulfill Your plans and purposes for my life. Thank you for saving me and that I am now a new creation in Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

