

Answering your questions about:

- Becoming a Christian
- Why baptism is so important
- Becoming a member of
Center Pointe Christian Church

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Acts 22:16*

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is it time?

it's your decision

becoming a christian

Salvation, the forgiveness of sins, is available to anyone who responds, by faith, in the following Biblical ways:

1. BELIEVE—that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that he died, was buried and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for your sins.

"For God loved the world so much, that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

2. REPENT—this is 'a change of mind', turning from sin to follow God.

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."
Acts 3:19

3. CONFESS—this is publicly declaring that Jesus is now the leader of your life.

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

4. BE BAPTIZED—Biblical baptism is the act of being fully immersed under water, identifying with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:38

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:27

why baptism is important

In the New Testament church, once people believed in Jesus, they were willing to turn from sin (repentance) and publicly confess Christ as Lord, they were then baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit.

- "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit " Acts 2:38
- "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41
- "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name." Acts 22:16

In the original Greek language, baptize meant to dip, plunge, or immerse. In keeping with the Biblical pattern, CPCC practices baptism by immersion as part of one's acceptance of Christ for salvation. Baptism is a beautiful picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and a way we identify with Christ by dying to our old selves and being raised to a new life.

- "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." Romans 6:3-5
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baptism is...

- Only for those who can hear, understand and make their own decision concerning Christ. That is why CPCC does not baptize infants.
- Being fully submerged under water. The Biblical word for baptism means "immersion". This is the only form of baptism that Jesus commanded and that the church practiced in the days of the apostles. (Matthew 28:18-19, Acts 8:36-39).
- A cleansing from sin as we are buried with Christ and raised to a new life (Romans 6:3-6).
- A demonstration of our willingness to come under the Lordship (leadership) of Jesus Christ.
- A pledge to God of a clear conscience (1 Peter 3:21).

becoming a partner

We welcome anyone who is already an immersed believer to accept the invitation to become part of God's family at Center Pointe Christian Church. We offer sessions designed to answer your questions about Center Pointe Christian Church that are offered on a recurring basis on Sunday mornings. Check your Sunday bulletin or call 779-8800 for more information.