

Water Baptism @ GT Church

An outward expression of an inward transformation.

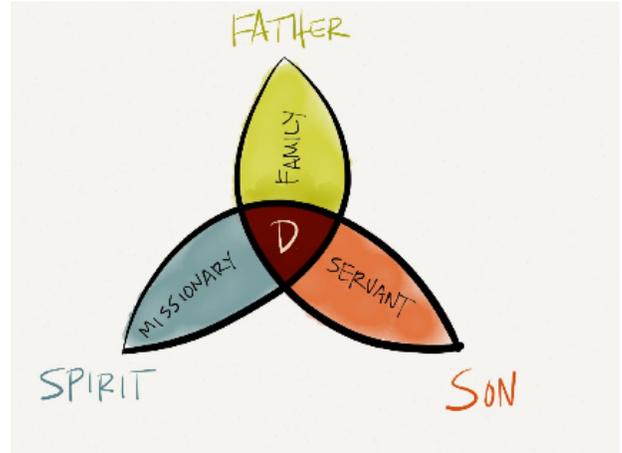
This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Cor 5:17

Your “New Person” Identity in Christ

You have been baptized into God, the Father and belong to His family as a **child of God**.

You have been baptized into God, the Son and now follow King Jesus as an obedient **servant**.

You have been baptized into God, the Holy Spirit and sent into the world as a **missionary**.



The **NEW YOU** is a child of God and obedient servant on mission with God in this world.

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT

Baptism symbolises being **dead to sin** (Rom 6:1-10; Mark 10:38) because of the cross but **alive to God** because of the resurrection (Rom 6:11; Col 2:12).

WHO

Those who have **repented** of their sins and have **believed** in the Lord Jesus Christ are eligible to be baptized. *Read Romans 10:9, 10; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; Acts 16:30-34.*

WHEN

The person should be able to make a credible profession of faith. In the case of a child he/she can express their own faith and commitment to follow Jesus. *Read Acts 2:41; 8:12; 8:37-38; 16:14-15; 18:8.*

WHY

By receiving water baptism, they are following **Jesus' command** and the **apostolic doctrine** and practice. *Read Matt 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 1 Cor 1:16; Col 2:12; Rom 6:1-11.*

HOW

They are baptized in the same manner as Jesus, immersed in water and then brought forth. In so doing, they are identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. *Read Mark 1:9-10; John 3:23; James 1:14.*

What to Bring:

MEN: wear dark coloured clothing; bring a brush, plastic grocery bag for wet clothes and towel.

WOMEN: Wear dark coloured clothing; towel, brush, hair dryer, plastic bag for wet clothes.

NOTE: GT will provide you with a special T-Shirt that you can wear over top your clothing. This is yours to keep afterwards.

What will be said during the Baptism?

“This is our brother/sister in Christ _____(name).

_____ (name) - before stepping into these waters, you made a faith decision to believe in Jesus Christ for your salvation. And now, you are making your decision public. Tell us why you have decided to be baptized in water today?

_____ (name) - it is upon your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, that I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

NOTE: *When you're being lowered into the water, hold your nose and cross your arms in front of you, and gently sit back as though there is a chair behind you.*

*** Water Baptism is a celebration of what God is doing in your life. Please take this opportunity to invite all of your friends, coworkers, and family members to witness this amazing event.**

**** PLEASE be sure to arrive 30mins early (10am) on the day of your Baptismal Service and report to the Welcome Centre in the Lower Lobby for instructions.**