

# Baptism

God adopts us as His own child when we are baptized. It is His way of saving us, giving us faith, forgiveness and eternal life, whether we are only an infant or an adult. It is God's work, not ours.

We become His by simple water, along with the powerful promise of God's sure Word. "Baptism now saves you."  
(1 Peter 3:21)

In Baptism, we have the symbolism of water drowning our old sinful nature, and then our rising up as a new person in Jesus Christ living His new life in us.

Just, as Jesus died on the cross in our place to forgive us of all of our sins, so we die to sin, and as He rose from the dead, so the Holy Spirit rises up in us to live for God.

Every day we remember our Baptism, so by faith, we deny our old sinful nature, and live instead for Jesus, according to His Word by the Holy Spirit's power.