

About Baptism



What is the meaning of baptism?

- Baptism is the way Christians publicly announce their faith: *“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge them before my Father who is Heaven.” (Matthew 10:30)*
- Jesus tells us to *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...” (Matthew 28:19)*
- Baptism is your first step towards following the Lord. Jesus was baptized (*Mark 1:9*) and so were His followers (*Acts 2:41; 8:38*)
- Baptism is a picture of dying to your old way of life and being born again, raised to a new life. (*Romans 6:4*)
- Baptism shows others that you have received Christ: *“so those who received his word were baptized...” (Acts 2:41)*

Who is to be baptized?

- According to the Scriptures, the proper candidate for baptism is someone who has repented of sin (*Acts 2:38*) and has put his or her faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (*Acts 8:36*). Baptism is for believers. Throughout the New Testament baptism and repentance are linked together.
- Since baptism is for those who have repented and believe, and an infant is not yet able to believe, we do not practice infant baptism.

How should I be baptized?

- Going down into water. (*Acts 8:38; John 3:23*). Being “buried” in the water and then raised up from it. (*Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12*)
- Coming out of the water. (*Mark 1:10; Acts 8:39*)
- The Greek word translated baptism is *“baptizō.”* The word means *“to dip, plunge, submerge, immerse.”*

How can I get baptized?

- If you would like to be baptized, please contact the church office at 817-571-2109 and we will schedule a meeting with the Pastor, email the church at info@pleasantglade.org, or fill out the side strip on the Sunday bulletin.