

What's so important about Baptism?

1. Can you recall how you felt on the day you were baptised?
2. What was the main motivating factor behind your baptism: Peer pressure, pressure from parents, a clear command from the Lord, or another reason. **Discuss?**
3. God the Father felt so delighted and proud of his Son when Jesus was baptized. **Have you felt similar feelings or emotions when your child succeeded in some area?**
4. This act of obedience brought God's approval and empowering on Jesus and his future mission. **Have you had a spiritual experience where you have felt God's approval and empowering?**
5. Scripture uses Christ's death and resurrection, to explain what happens to us when we are baptised. Romans 6:3,4. 1 Corinthians 15:3. **Explain**
6. Public declaration of our faith in God is important – our faith cannot be a secret. **Romans. 10:9-10**. How does this physical external action express what is happening to us on the inside.
7. Baptism cannot be considered optional or unimportant by a true follower of Jesus. **Matt 28:19-20. Do you agree?**
8. Baptism involves “the circumcision of the heart”. Col. 2:11,12. God wants to cut away our carnal fleshly nature. He wants to remove worldly things from our lives - unnecessary things that are outside His will and purpose, that limit our fruit -bearing capacity. **Give some examples of these things**
9. Baptism can also be a time of deliverance. (1 Cor. 10: 1,2) We can be delivered from habits and behaviours, which have enslaved us. **Give some examples**

10. Jesus' parents brought him to be circumcised and dedicated to God when he was eight days old. However when he was a 30-year-old man he decided for himself to add his adult baptism to what his parents had done when he was a child. **Is it right for people who were baptised as an infant to be rebaptized as an adult?**
11. Pray for openness to the Spirit of God. Ask God to circumcise you from unproductively so that you can be fruitful. Seek deliverance from every bond and yoke of the "evil one" so that you can walk in victory.
Pray for each other