

Registration Day



Don't you just love registration day at camp? OK, not really! Counselors are searching luggage to see if you smuggled anything bad inside it, name tags are written, and teams are assigned! One of the first things you will do at camp is to tell someone your name! As you know, your name, age, looks, and talents all describe you!



As a believer, are you still the same person? The minute you get saved, you become a Christian. That simply means you are a "Christ follower" or "little Christ" (Matthew 28:19-20). When other people see you, they should know your new identity in Christ! Your name is still the same, but you have God the Holy Spirit living inside of you, and He will be helping you to change and become more like Christ.



Search It!

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does this verse say you become as a Christian?

- A. Happy all the time
- B. A new creature
- C. Someone who never will sin again

How many things will become new when you get saved? (Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 again.) A. All B. Some C. None

God has commanded that we let the world know when we accept Him. Baptism is the first step to obeying God and showing the world you are identified with Christ. You should do this only AFTER you have accepted Jesus as Savior as a testimony to others. Remember

though, that Baptism is NOT a requirement for Salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-9 says that works cannot save you.)

Water Baptism by immersion (*e-mur-shun*) is the only form of baptism God with which God is pleased. Immerse means to dip, or put under. This form of baptism is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. (Romans 6:3-4) It is when you publicly tell about when you got saved, then, the pastor dips you completely under the water (symbolizing the death and burial), and then lifts you up to symbolize coming back to life (resurrection). After you accepted Jesus, you became dead to sin (you know you will never face eternal punishment because of it)...now, you have eternal life and are given new life—the resurrection. Are you willing to obey by being baptized as testimony of that fact?

Should a person get baptized so God will save them?

A. No B. Maybe C. Yes D. I'm not sure

What is baptism the first step to doing in the Christian life?

- A. Conquering the fear of water
- B. Obeying God
- C. Getting your sins forgiven and washed away
- D. Getting God's power in your life

Some religions teach that baptism washes away sin. That is NOT true! Jesus' own blood washed away sin when He died on the cross. God's only requirement for salvation is believing and trusting Jesus Christ alone to save you. No works (good things you do) can save you from going to Hell. Getting baptized is something a Christian should choose to do because he or she wants to show the world that they are a Christian and are ready to obey the God who saved them.

Some people are afraid of what others might think of them, or even

afraid of sticking their head under water for a second or two. Don't let fear keep you from obeying God. Read Isaiah 41:10. Remember that fear is not of God.

What is the reason why a Christian should want to be baptized?

- A. To show the world I am a Christian and want to live for God.
- B. To show people I am not afraid to get wet
- C. To show the world I want Jesus to wash away my sins

Has there been a time and a place where you trusted in Jesus alone to take away your sins? _____

If you are saved, have you ever been baptized by immersion?

yes no no, but I want to I'm not sure

Getting baptized the Bible way (by immersion) is to be done by a pastor or someone appointed by the pastor. Talk to a pastor, or teacher, or Christian friend from church to find out more about baptism if you still have questions.



TRY THIS!

Just for fun, try to make an "Identification Card" for your new identity as a Christian. Keep this somewhere that you can find it easily. You could bring it to church to show your teacher.