

Baptism Worksheet

Below are some questions for you to think through and answer as best you can before your baptism interview. Some involve examining passages of Scripture in order to answer them. Others focus on your life as a Christian. The purpose of this exercise is twofold. First, it will help you better understand what the Bible teaches about baptism, and second, it will help to determine if you are a candidate for baptism.

Understanding the Gospel

Because Christian baptism is for those who have exercised saving faith in Jesus Christ, it is important for those who are coming forward to be baptized to be able to demonstrate knowledge of the basics of the Gospel. In your own words answer these questions as best you can on another sheet of paper.

1. Who is Jesus Christ?
2. Why was it necessary for Him to die on the cross?
3. How does a person become a Christian?
4. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ? (Matthew 16:24)

Understanding what the Bible says about baptism

Below are some questions about baptism for you to answer which require you to look up some passages of Scripture. Please answer the questions as best you can on a separate sheet of paper.

5. There are denominations that falsely teach that being baptized saves you. Another way that this is sometimes expressed is that baptism is necessary for salvation. Luke 23:32-43 describes Jesus' crucifixion alongside two criminals. In light of v. 43, why is it true to say that baptism is **not** necessary for salvation?
6. In Acts 16:23-32 the Bible records the imprisonment of Paul and Silas in Philippi for preaching the gospel. The jailer who was guarding them asked them what he must do to be saved. According to Acts 16:31, what is the only prerequisite for a person to be baptized?
7. According to Acts 16:31-34 should infants be baptized? Why or why not?
8. Why according to Mark 1:1-11 was John the Baptist baptizing in the wilderness?
9. Why did Jesus receive John's baptism if He Himself had never sinned? This is a tough one. Think about it from the standpoint of what it communicated to those who heard John's message.
10. According to Matthew 28:18-20 why are we to be baptized?

Your personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ

Genuine faith produces a desire in us to obey Jesus. It also produces in us a willingness to make known that we are His (Matthew 10:32-33). Baptism is an opportunity to publicly confess Jesus Christ before men. In light of that, the Elders of Crown Valley Community Church desire that those being baptized give a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Please write out your testimony of faith in Jesus Christ that you plan to share with the congregation at your baptism and include the following in it:

11. What was your life like before you became a Christian? (Please be prudent concerning what details you give in light of the diversity of age and life experience of those that will be present at the baptism.)
12. Who do you believe Jesus Christ is?
13. How did you come to understand your need for Him?
14. What does it mean to follow Him?
15. How is your life different now that you are a Christian?

Including this information in your testimony will help the congregation know that you understand the significance of your baptism. It also is a wonderful opportunity for you to proclaim the good news of God's salvation to everyone who will be present.

Once you have completed this worksheet, you may either email your answers to joel@crownvalleychurch.org or give them to an Elder. At that point we will schedule a baptism interview so that we can go over your answers together.