

**CALVARY TEMPLE
WATER BAPTISM
Personal Information**

Please complete the following information enabling us to process your request to be baptized in water. We will use the information provided to print your final Baptism certificate which will be mailed to you after the Baptismal ceremony. Please be sure that all information is complete and correct. We are excited with you as you continue to follow the Lord in obedience to Him through water baptism.

PRINT THE INFORMATION AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM. **RETURN PAGE 1 ONLY AT THE WELCOME CENTER TABLE.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Date of salvation conversion: _____

Place you gave your heart to the Lord: _____

In a brief sentence/statement, Why do you wish to be baptized? _____

Will you have family and or friends at your baptism? _____

If so, would you like to request reserved seating for them? _____

How many seats would you like to reserve? _____

The date of the next water baptism at Calvary Temple will be posted in the bulletin and announced. Please be sure to turn in this personal information data sheet no less than one Sunday prior to the actual Baptism. There will be a one hour class prior to the baptismal service, *this class is mandatory for all baptismal candidates.* PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE FOR THIS CLASS AS VITAL INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED.

This page, "1" can be turned in at the Welcome Center table at your convenience. We will be in contact with you regarding details and pertinent information. Please keep pages 2-3 for your own records and reading. We strongly suggest that you take time to look up the scriptures discussed in your Bible. It is important that you understand the mandates of scripture regarding the area of water baptism. Water baptism is a symbolic act of Christ commanded of new believers, it follows salvation. At Calvary Temple, (which is an Assemblies of God fellowship); believers are baptized by immersing them in water. This practice of water baptism is a public testimony to the world signifying the death of the individual's sinful nature, and the new birth in Jesus Christ. It is an important event in the life of the believer, confirming the changing power of Jesus Christ.

CALVARY TEMPLE

Water Baptism Information & Practical Instructions

WHAT:

Water Baptism is an ordinance for all Christians after they have been born again. This baptism by immersion is Faith identification with the **death, burial & resurrection** of Jesus. Faith in Christ's provisions will give you power to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. Water Baptism is a symbolic act Christ commanded of new believers.

Being lowered under the water symbolizes identifying with Christ's dying for our sins; coming up out of the water identifies with His resurrection to newness of life, just as a believer has a new life in Christ.

Baptism is a very important part of the process in growing as a Christian. The Bible teaches that baptism is an outward symbol or expression of a spiritual transformation that has taken place in a person's heart and life.

What does Water Baptism really mean?

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom 6:3, 4)

WATER BAPTISM MEANS THAT...

- A. You publicly acknowledge to God, the church and the world that you have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior of your life.
- B. You have died (as Jesus died) to the world, flesh and sin as a way of life.
- C. You will now walk (by God's power) in newness of life reflected by what you think, say, and do.
- D. You will simply live a life worthy of that Name in which you are now baptized.

WHY:

1. WHY ARE YOU BEING BAPTIZED IN WATER BY IMMERSION?

A. Because Jesus said to be baptized. **Matt 28:18-20**

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.'"

B. Because Jesus himself was baptized. (Matt 3:13-17)

C. Because the early church baptized believers.

- Believers at Pentecost. (Acts 2:41)
- Believers in Samaria. (Acts 8:12)
- Ethiopian Eunuch. (Acts 8:39)
- Saul of Tarsus. (Acts 9:18)
- Lydia. (Acts 16:15)
- Philippian jailer & family. (Acts 16:33)
- Believers in Corinth. (Acts 18:8)
- Believers in Ephesus. (Acts 19:5)

WHO:

The only biblical requirement for baptism is that a person becomes a believer or that a person has accepted Jesus Christ into their life and has an ongoing spiritual relationship with Him.

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. What should I bring with me to the service?

- A. Dark clothing
- B. Ladies no white shirts or slacks
- C. Bring an extra set of clothing to change into after the baptism
- D. A towel & hair dryer (optional)

2. What should I do when I arrive at church?

- A. Arrive at least 60 minutes before service
- B. Proceed to the designated class to meet with the Pastor
- C. Acquaint yourself with the changing rooms
- D. Leave your change of clothes in the changing rooms

3. What do I do when it is my turn to be Baptized?

- A. Be perfectly relaxed
- B. Be prepared to give a BRIEF testimony
- C. Answer the questions asked you in the affirmative. ('I will')
- D. Do NOT touch the microphones
- E. Hold your breath and pinch your nose as you are gently lowered into the water

Remember to make a muscle with your right arm and hold your bicep with your left hand; pinch your nose with your right hand. The pastor will lift you up out of the water with this method described. The buoyancy of the water will help, don't worry! ☺

- F. Immediately following, go to the changing rooms and return to the service in progress

Your Baptismal Certificate will be mailed to you within one week following the service.

Remember...

This is a Sacred occasion; it is a time of rejoicing and gladness in what God has done for you! This is an important event in the life of every believer, confirming the changing power of Jesus Christ. **(Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:4).**

May the Lord Bless & Keep thee

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