



# Baptism → Confirmation



BAPTISM

**Confirmation is the time for you to say yes to your own Baptism! Confirm it!**

## What Does "Baptize" Mean?

The term *baptize* is the English version of the Greek term *baptizo*, meaning "to dunk, dip, plunge, submerge, or immerse."

Over time, this word's meaning expanded to include the act of washing. It did not mean exactly washing as in wash your hands but rather Jewish culture used the word to mean "cleanse," and in time, the term was associated with the ritual of **ceremonial washing**. That ceremony later became part of the process in which Gentiles, or non-Jews, could convert to Judaism. Finally it became the ritual by which Jews and Gentiles could become **Christians**, that is, followers of Jesus.

**DO THIS - ? -** Baptism means, (circle one) - a) becoming Catholic b) washing hands c) becoming Jewish

## Jesus and John the Baptist

John the Baptist's unique ministry of baptizing other people was something that had never been done before. He took an ordinary word and used it for the specific task he was performing. Soon it became almost exclusively associated with Christianity.

**DO THIS - ? -** John the Baptist did something new, true or false (circle one)

## What are the effects of Baptism?

- **Belonging:** When we are Baptized we are claimed as a member of Jesus' loving family.
- **Sharing in Jesus' life and death:** In Romans 6:3-5 we are told that, by being baptized, we not only share in the life of Jesus, but we share in His death. It means that, just as Jesus was raised from the dead, we shall share in the Resurrection!
- **Release of original sin:** One of the most beautiful reasons for baptism is outlined in Acts 2:38. The act of baptism helps us wash away original sin and receive the Holy Spirit. It sets us on a good path.

**Sooo... when you were Baptized you were declared as a person who would follow the example of Jesus; a person who would;**

~ love your neighbor

~ Care about the poor

~ love and honor God

~ pray and gather together for prayer

**DO THIS - ?** Circle the three main effects of Baptism - peace love belonging  
become Jesus follower free of pain free of sin look good in white  
become a priest say prayers

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