

why baptism?

romans 6

Or have you forgotten that when **we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism**, we joined him in his death? 4 For **we died and were buried with Christ** by baptism. And **just as Christ was raised from the dead** by the glorious power of the Father, **now we also may live new lives**.

5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. 6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ **so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin**.

more than an ritual of faith, but a profession of faith

1 that Jesus is Lord.

I believe that Jesus is 'the way, the truth and the life'. Because I have chosen to follow Jesus the trajectory of my eternity has forever changed, and that my future is secure and my everyday belong to Him.

2 that my sin is forgiven.

I believe that because Jesus died and rose again, I have received the free gift of my salvation. Jesus paid the price of my sin so that I could be free and be in relationship with him again.

3 that my new life has begun.

I believe that Jesus has made my life a new creation, and is continuing to make my life a new creation. I have decided to follow Jesus, and learn to walk and embrace the new life that He has for me.

the story of God's grace & your redemption

When you get baptized, you are invited to share how and why you've decided to take the step of Baptism. The challenge is often 'what do I say?' or 'how do I express what God has done?'. A simple truth to keep in mind is that every story, eloquent or not is significant and for the glory of God. Here is a simple format to help you get started, and to keep things clear in your mind:

my life was
"this way"

until I met
Jesus

now my life is
"this way"