

Water Baptism Checklist

At Today.Church, we practice baptism by full immersion in water - meaning you are going to get soaked! You will want to bring extra, dark colored clothing you do not mind getting wet. Most people wear dark shorts or pants and a dark t-shirt. You may want to bring sandals or flip flops to walk around in before and after. Changing facilities will be available, and there will be a set time for you to change. There's a quick checklist below. Also, don't forget to invite your family and friends to celebrate with you and be a part of this special day.

checklist of things to bring:

- ☐ Dark t-shirt and dark modest shorts (*a "Meet the New Me" T-shirt will also be provided*)
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Large towel (for drying off)
- ☐ Flip-flops, sandals or water shoes
- ☐ Pony tail holder (if you have long hair)
- ☐ Toiletries or other personal items (for after the baptism)
- ☐ A small plastic bag or sack for your wet clothes

what to expect

- ✓ Be prepared to answer YES when asked if you have fully committed your life to follow Jesus. You may also be asked to share a short testimony of WHY you want to be baptized. It is also possible that a short video statement will be recorded. This is your opportunity to share your experience as a Jesus follower in a few brief sentences!
- ✓ You will be instructed on how to hold your arms so they can be lowered into the water. This part is easy! Just relax and enjoy the experience.
- ✓ Celebration! This will be an important moment in your new life as a Jesus follower and we are excited to be able to celebrate with you!

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As you prepare to be baptized, here is the Today.Church statement of belief and some scripture to read:

And that water is a picture of baptism (water immersion), which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 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. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4, 1 Peter 3:21)