

# **BAPTISM AT REALITY**

"having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead"

# **COLOSSIANS 2:12**

We believe in "believer's baptism". A person must first exercise faith in Jesus Christ, believing that He died for their sins, was buried, and rose from the dead. An infant or person who does not understand God's plan of salvation can not make that kind of commitment. The scriptural order is belief first, followed by baptism. Baptism by immersion under water we feel is the best illustration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Baptism, at Reality Church, is a celebration for the new believer and the church family!

#### **BAPTISM AS A SYMBOL**

Baptism symbolizes Christ's death and resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Colossians 2:12).

Baptism symbolizes new life as a Christian. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4)

#### WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has believed in Christ. (Acts 2:41; 8:12-13)

### WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have believed, placed your trust in Jesus! (Acts 2:41; 8:35-38)

### WHY GET BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

- To follow the example set by Jesus. (Mark 1:9)
- Because Christ commands it. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- To demonstrate your new life as a Christian. (Acts 18:8)
- To symbolize a burial (of old self and ways) and resurrection (of new life child of God).
- Because it is a celebration for you and other believers.

### **COMMON BAPTISM QUESTIONS**

- How does Reality Church baptize individuals?
  - We baptize people under water. The word "baptize" actually means to immerse under water. (Acts 8:38-29; Matthew 3:16)
- Can my family be baptized together?
  - Absolutely, we encourage it.
- What should I wear when I am baptized?
  - We will provide you with a dark colored t-shirt and everything you need to be baptized.
- Will I have to say anything?
  - We encourage everyone to share why they are wanting to be baptized. It's truly powerful.
- What if I have special needs?
  - We will do whatever we need to in order to accommodate.

## **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

Sign up online at <u>reality.church</u>, Go to Reality 101, call the office at 402-537-0419, or speak to a staff member.

If you have more questions, please email info@reality.church