



Word In Season Ministries
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BAPTISM (Romans 6:3-5)

Every WISM Partner should be baptized. If you have given your life to Christ, you are a candidate for baptism. Our baptism services occur as directed by the Pastor.

- **WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE BAPTIZED?** We are commanded to be baptized as an outward confession of our faith.
 - a. Baptism is commanded by Jesus: *Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 3:13-17*
 - b. Baptism is preached by the apostles and early believers practiced: *Acts 10:48* “So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.”
- **WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?** It is an outward witness of your identification with Christ’s death, resurrection, and your faith to walk in the newness of life in Christ. *Romans 6:3-4*
- **SYMBOLISM OF BAPTISM:** *Colossians 2:9-12*
- **WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED?** Only individuals who have repented and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior by walking in the newness of life. *Acts 2:36-39, Romans 6:4*
- **IS THERE A CERTAIN AGE FOR BAPTISM?** Yes and No. We do not baptize infants. We believe a person must understand sin, the confession of sin and acceptance of Christ. The parent or guardian must ensure that their young child truly understands the “*life*” commitment they are making in Christ.
- **CAN YOU BE BAPTIZED MORE THAN ONCE?** Baptism should only be done once; however, if you’re a person who was baptized and you didn’t understand what you were doing at that time, you should be baptized again to show new knowledge and commitment.

- **HOW DOES WORD IN SEASON MINISTRIES BAPTIZE?**
 - a. We baptize by confessing over you, “We baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, In Jesus Name” and then fully immersing the whole body in water.
 - b. Why by immersion? - The Greek verb “to baptize” (baptize) means to immerse. *Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.*
- **HOW SHOULD I PREPARE MY CHILD OR MYSELF FOR BAPTISM?** Confess your testimony publicly, “I have confessed Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and I’m walking in the newness of life in Christ.”

NOTE: If your child is unable to confess their personal testimony then it’s a good sign they are not ready to be baptized.”