

## ***Water Baptism and Communion***

Acts 2:37-41 Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" <sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

### ***Why should I be baptized in water?***

#### **I. Water baptism is the covenant \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Covenant**

Mark 16:15-16 And then he (Jesus) told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

#### **II. Water Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ empowers us to serve Jesus**

Colossians 2:11-12 When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. <sup>12</sup> For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Romans 6:3-4 have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

#### **III. Water Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ our conscience from our life of sin**

1 Peter 3:18-22 Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— <sup>20</sup> those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. <sup>21</sup> And that water is a picture of baptism, 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. <sup>22</sup> Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

#### **IV. Water Baptism gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in our relationship with the Lord.**

1. We obey the Lord's first commandment to be water baptized.
2. God supernaturally cleanses our consciences, and this is key in our confidence before God.

1 Peter 3: 21 (Msg) The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience.

3. A clean conscience keeps the devil from condemning us.

Revelation 12:10 (Passion) Then I heard a triumphant voice in heaven proclaiming: "Now salvation and power are set in place, and the kingdom reign of our God and the ruling authority of his Anointed One are established. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who *relentlessly* accused them day and night before our God, has now been *defeated*—cast out once and for all.

Romans 8:1 There is no **condemnation** for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

We believe that baptism by immersion in water is an outward sign of an inward work (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4). We believe in commemorating the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of bread and fruit of the vine (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

#### WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Those who are baptized are following Jesus' example and obeying His command. (Matthew 3:16-17 and Matthew 28:18-20)

#### WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM?

Water baptism is a public declaration that you are a follower of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41), that you are beginning a changed life in Christ (Romans 6:4), and that you are part of a new family (Galatians 3:26-27).

#### I HAVE ALREADY BEEN BAPTIZED. SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED AGAIN?

Your baptism should have signified you becoming a follower of Jesus, beginning a changed life and uniting with a new family. If your baptism did not reflect this change of life, then you may be baptized again.

#### CAN A CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

We will baptize anyone (generally over age 7) who understands what baptism symbolizes and wants to make that personal public declaration. We encourage parents to partner with your children through these decisions of faith.

# Do These Things

*They will change your life!*



## Bap-t-que Sunday

July 26, 2021

Mark and Jill OConnell  
Chris and Bibiana Jackson  
- Pastors -



Today after service . . .

### The Bap-T-Que

Hosted by Pastors Chris and Bibiana Jackson  
159 Edgewater Way  
Yuba City, CA 95991

#### The Rivers Church

1548 Poole Blvd. - Yuba City, CA 95993  
Phone: (530) 673-9366 - Email: [info@therivers.org](mailto:info@therivers.org)  
Web: [therivers.org](http://therivers.org)