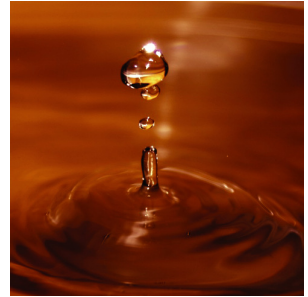


Adult Baptism

Preparing for Baptism - Sharing God's Story of Grace

(To be completed before and brought to Baptism Class - Part 2)

Once a person admits that he or she is disconnected from God and realizes that Jesus is their only hope for a life with God in this world and the world to come, the Bible says the watching world needs to know. Baptism has always stood as a public testimony for people who have moved from being a seeker into being a follower of Christ.



➤ How would you describe yourself spiritually when you first started attending SCCC?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Skeptic – Doubting | <input type="checkbox"/> New Believer – Recently received Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator – Observing | <input type="checkbox"/> Growing Believer – Maturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeker – Searching | |

➤ How would you describe yourself spiritually now?

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Please explain what has changed.

You do not have to be baptized to have Christ in your life any more than you must exchange rings to be pronounced man and wife. But if the inner commitment to trust Christ alone for a relationship with God has been made, then the outward symbol of baptism should be as valued and as visible as the gold ring on a newlywed's finger. Read Acts 8:30-38 and Matthew 28:19-20. Baptism was never intended to provide salvation for an individual, but rather to publicly *identify* a person with Christ.

➤ How would you explain to someone if they asked “why are you being baptized”?

