

# **How do I know if my child is ready to be Water Baptized?**

We know that making the decision to let your child be water baptized is a very joyful and also important decision to make. One of the biggest questions parents have is **“How do I know if they are ready?”**. Well, let me first say that children are not going to understand everything as theologically deep as adults. Our children may not be able to rattle off scriptures and give us an exhaustive explanation of why they want to be water baptized but we do want to make sure that there is a basic understanding of a few things.

## **1. SALVATION**

Salvation is a prerequisite for water baptism and it is important that a child who wants to be water baptized has been born again.

### **Questions to ask:**

1. Can you explain what it means to be born again or saved?
2. Do you believe that you are saved? Why?

If you have to help them and coach them that's ok.

## **2. WATER BAPTISM**

It is important to teach our children about water baptism and to keep it simple here a few thoughts they need to know about water baptism.

### **We get water baptized because God tells us to in his word.**

Matthew 28:18-20 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**We get water baptized because it is a public confession of our faith in Jesus.** It is important to know that water baptism doesn't save you, only our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus can save us, but it tells the world that I am saved.

Matthew 10:32,33 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

### **Water baptism tells the world that Jesus is my Savior and my Lord!**

**Water baptism is the place I find complete freedom from the old me.** The water is like a watery tomb where I believe by faith that I am burying my old man, and when I come up out of the water I believe that I am coming up with the power to live the new life!

Romans 6:4 "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life"

### **Questions to ask:**

1. Why do you want to get water baptized?
2. Can you explain what water baptism is?

**If your child can answer these questions, we believe that they are ready to be Water Baptized!**

