# Application for water baptism

**Charge**

In presenting yourself for baptism, you desire to be identified with the gracious act of Christ, whereby He died in your place; and now that you have accepted Him as your Savior, you wish to be buried with Him by baptism. This means that you are burying the old you as you are submerged underwater and rise a new creation in Christ.. By being baptized you are publicly declaring that you promise by His grace and divine enabling to walk in newness of life and to glorify Him everyday, as well as live a life that is pleasing to Him.

**Act of Baptism**

On the basis of your confession of Christ as your personal Savior, I will baptize you into fellowship with Christ in His death, so that you may rise to walk in newness of life in Him; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Things to Bring:**

1. A change of clothes.

2. Wear a dark shirt and jeans or slacks. Nothing see-through when wet.

3. A towel.

Most important, bring a thankful heart for Christ’s salvation provided for you and the life He has for you!

**Baptismal Candidates**

*Please PRINT & fill out this form. We need this information to complete your Certificate of Baptism.*

Name:

Address:

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip

Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth:

Phone Number:

*The church office will contact you to confirm the baptism date*.

Office Only — Date Baptized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **WATER BAPTISM**

Here at (Your Church Name), we *CELEBRATE* when people follow the example of Jesus in water baptism. We are so excited that you are taking the steps to be baptized. We do, however, want to take the opportunity to explain a little more about what water baptism is all about, and how we do it.

Water baptism is not only significant to the person being baptized, but it also testifies to his or her community what happened when their life was changed by Jesus. It confirms and strengthens the new believer’s commitment to live a godly life. It also gives the believer the opportunity to openly testify to others of his experience of having been crucified with Christ, buried with Him and raised together with Him to walk in newness of life (Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:4-6).

The significance of water baptism is clear when you understand the meaning of the original Greek verb baptidzo. It means “to immerse.” Immersion is a picture of burial. So, though some churches sprinkle or pour water in the baptismal ceremony, it is when a believer is completely submerged and then raised up out of the water that the significance is more clearly understood. The old man is dead and buried. A new man is raised up out of the grave, reborn to live a new life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is important. Without first making Jesus Lord and believing that God raised Him from the dead, water baptism would have no purpose. Water baptism is not the baptism that saves. What cleanses us from sin is not the water but the precious blood that Jesus shed on the cross (see Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; Revelation 1:5).

Some churches baptize in the name of Jesus and others in the name of God. At Clovis New Life, we baptize as instructed by Jesus, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto me in Heaven and in Earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,* ***baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost****; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world.’ ”* Matthew 28:18-20

If you have any questions about water baptism, feel free to call the church office and speak with one of our Pastors. If you feel you’ve never properly buried your old, sinful nature and dedicated your whole self to the Lord, don’t wait any longer. We want to celebrate with you through your baptism in water.