

The Gateway Church Baptism Policy & Information

According to scripture, we believe that water baptism is to be practiced for all believers upon being born again. As an ordinance of the church, inducted by Jesus and New Testament scriptures, The Gateway Church will practice periodic water baptism for all conversions made public.

Scriptural Support:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

“Repent and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins...” (Acts 2:38)

“Therefore, we are buried with Him through baptism into death...and even so we ought to walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4)

Additional Scripture Support:

Romans 10:9-10; Titus 3:4-5; 1 Corinthians 6:11

Guidelines for Water Baptism:

-Water Baptism is a New Testament Commandment that follows a confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

-It is a washing with water (total immersion), symbolizing a cleansing from sin, linked with repentance and admission into faith and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Baptism should take place as soon as possible after salvation. It is for those who are mature enough to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Testimony:

Each of you will need to speak 1-3 minutes about your conversion/salvation. The following should be included.

- How long you have been saved.
- The major changes in your life since you have been saved
- Your intentions to follow the Lord as His disciple

Practical: Bring a set of clothes to be baptized in. (Dark shirt, pants/shorts that will not show undergarments when wet, undergarments for girls, sandals or water shoes are okay, NO JEANS, NO SHORT SHORTS) and a towel. Meet at the church ½ hour before service to go over this sheet and instructions for the service.