



“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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## Why should I get baptized?

Water Baptism provides an opportunity for followers of Christ to make a formal profession of their faith before the church. It is one of the first things that should be done after one receives Christ as his Lord and Savior. It is an important act of obedience to the command of Christ found in Matthew 28:18-20. Baptism symbolizes the forgiveness of sins and newness of life experienced by believers when they place their faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament encourages all believers in Christ to be baptized.

## How and where is the baptism done?

Church on the Rock practices baptism by immersion. A church leader will baptize you in the baptismal located near the main auditorium. The baptismal is located above the platform. This will be a public baptism (through video). Members of the congregation will be invited to witness your commitment from their seat in the sanctuary.

## What do I need to do?

You must attend a Water Baptism Class before you are baptized. This class is scheduled at the same church service you registered to be baptized. To attend the class, arrive immediately after the 9:00 church service in the Creative Arts Room located on the south side of the sanctuary. Baptism Class starts at 10:30. After arrival and check-in, the Water Baptism Class will follow for the next fifteen minutes. Baptism will immediately follow the class. If you want to be baptized, simply sign up online at <https://www.cotr.org/Baptism> and click on “Events” or sign up at the Information Centers in the Lobby.

## What should I bring?

You should bring a dark colored t-shirt, a pair of shorts, a towel, a change of dry clothing, and a bag for your wet clothing. No swimming suits or flip flops, please.

## May I invite my family and friends to celebrate in this special time with me?

Absolutely! We welcome your family and friends. They would simply remain in the auditorium for the baptisms that takes place during the worship. Parents and guests are welcome to stay with those getting baptized in the class but will get to see the baptisms on the screens in the auditorium. Pictures may be taken before or after baptism.