



Calvary Chapel Lebanon INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Christian baptism is an act of obedience and a voluntary ceremony whereby a person publicly declares he or she has come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Christian baptism is performed by dipping the believer under water and lifting him or her up again, symbolically representing the believer's acceptance of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection for their sins. Paul explained this in Romans 6:3-6: "Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin."

Baptism doesn't save; it isn't required for salvation and we can go to heaven without being baptized. But Jesus asks us to do it as a testimony of what we believe...a symbol of our relationship with him...a demonstration that we've left a former way of life to live a new life as children of God.

Qualifications:

- Anyone who has acknowledged Christ as their Savior. Acts 4:12

You should not participate in baptism if:

- You are living with someone as husband and wife, and not married to that person. I. Cor. 6:13b
- You are in a sexual relationship and not married to that person. I Thessalonians 4:3
- You are dependant upon alcohol and/or illicit drug use. Proverbs 20:1; I. Corinthians 6:19-2-
- You are participating in anything that would hinder the cause of Christ.

The pastors are happy to talk with you about any of the above mentioned items upon request.

Instructions:

- Complete a Baptism Information Form, which includes your salvation testimony.
- A Pre-Baptism Meeting is held two (2) weeks prior to the Baptism, in Room 24, at 11:00 a.m. at which time you should bring your completed written testimony consisting of 300 words or less.
- Baptism will be held immediately after worship in both services, two weeks after the Pre-Baptism Meeting.
- You should sit in the front left pew already modestly dressed (nothing transparent when it gets wet) and ready for baptism when worship starts.
- When you hear, "This is the testimony of (your name)," you should immediately walk up on the stage to Pastors Thom and Dan to be baptized, at which time your testimony will be read. You will know ahead of time if you are first, second, etc. in line to be baptized.
- You will kneel in the baptismal water unless accommodations are previously arranged.
- The Pastors will ask you to confirm that you are following Christ and you denounce Satan.
- One of the Pastors will dip you under the water three times as you are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19
- One of the Pastors will pray for you.
- The congregation witnessing your baptism may applaud in agreement.
- When you step out of the baptismal water, you will leave by way of the back stairs.
- Be sure to bring a towel on stage with you and have a change of clothing.

May God richly bless you as you follow Him all the days of your life.

Questions: call Maureen Brubaker at 866-5491.

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BAPTISMAL INFORMATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: July 12, 2015

In *preparation for your baptism*, please write or type a 300 word *or less* testimony, which will be read during the baptismal ceremony. Please also attend the pre-baptism meeting, which date is described below.

If you need assistance in preparing your testimony, please contact Maureen Brubaker 866-5491.

Please follow the outline below as you write your testimony:

1. Introduce yourself;
2. State what your life was like before Christ;
3. State what your life is like after Christ;
4. State why you want to be baptized.

A Pre-Baptismal Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 28th** at **11:00 a.m. in Room 24**. Please have your written or typed testimony completed and bring it with you to the meeting.

Procedure for the Baptism:

Please pick up a copy of the **Instructions for Baptism** for additional information.

Thank you.