

# BAPTISM

## AT OCEAN CITY CHURCH

Baptism is a sign of the new birth given to us by the Spirit because of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Going down into the water is a picture of dying to your old life apart from Jesus, and coming out of the water is a picture of being raised to your new life in Christ.

The Bible teaches that we are saved by grace through faith and according to God's mercy. Baptism is not an act that leads to salvation but an act of obedience that stems from salvation, and the New Testament teaches that baptism is the way a believer publicly declares his or her faith in Jesus Christ.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9*

*"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." - Romans 6:4*

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***Please read through the following belief statements before signing up to be baptized at Ocean City Church:***

I trust in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: One God in Three Persons.

I recognize my need to repent of my sins.

I confess Jesus Christ as my Savior and acknowledge Him as Lord of my life.

By grace through faith, I believe in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross as the only way I am in right standing with God.

I acknowledge that my hope is built on nothing less, nothing more, and nothing other than the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

I acknowledge my need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit.

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During our baptism gathering, each baptism candidate will proclaim their faith verbally in front of the church with a simple statement such as,

"My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I follow Jesus."

If you are a parent/guardian of a young child, please make sure they understand this and are comfortable to do so. We will meet with you and your child beforehand to explain the process thoroughly and answer any questions they may have at that time.