

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WATER BAPTISM?

Water baptism is a declaration of an individual's faith in the finished work of Jesus and is not a ritual to ensure salvation. It identifies you with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Water Baptism signifies your death to your old life and marks your new identity in Christ.

Romans 6:3-4 says it this way, "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SIGN UP?

If you currently reside in Singapore, have made Jesus your personal Lord and Saviour, and have made New Creation Church your home church, you can register with us to be water baptised.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE FOR WATER BAPTISM?

The minimum age for water baptism is 12 years old. The child must cross his/her 12th birthday before being baptised.

I'M BELOW 21 YEARS OLD. DO I NEED MY PARENTS' CONSENT TO SIGN UP?

A parental consent form is required if you are below 21 years old at the point of registration. A copy of the form will be sent to you upon online registration and you will be required to submit the signed consent form prior to the day of the water baptism.

DO I NEED TO ATTEND A CLASS BEFORE WATER BAPTISM?

The baptism class will be held online on a weekday night during the week of the water baptism. The class provides comprehensive teaching on water baptism and helps you to make a purposeful and informed decision on that day. Attendance is compulsory.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM LATE FOR THE ONLINE CLASS?

Attendance from the start of the class is essential. Should you be unable to join us on time or you were unable to attend the class, you will be requested to re-register for the next water baptism session instead. As many participants are scheduled to attend the baptism

class, we make every effort to ensure that the class starts and concludes on time; hence, your punctuality is much appreciated.

HOW LONG DOES THE WATER BAPTISM TAKE?

To ensure safe management measures are observed, participants are divided into different batches and each batch should take no longer than 45 minutes including waiting time.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR FOR WATER BAPTISM?

Come dressed in a dark-coloured T-shirt, a pair of shorts with your swimwear beneath. Please ensure that all these items are clean, so that the water hygiene can be maintained for all users.

IS A BAPTISM NAME NEEDED ON THE BAPTISM CERTIFICATE?

It is not compulsory, but you can add a baptismal name on the Baptism Certificate if you desire. The name in the Baptism Certificate should contain the full name in your birth certificate with the inclusion of the baptismal name chosen by you. It is, however, perfectly acceptable if you choose to retain your given name and to not have a baptismal name included in your Baptism Certificate.

Should you want to add a baptismal name, it is important that you select one carefully. People associate you with your name. It forms part of your identity and it contributes to your presence and stature. We strongly encourage you to choose your name prayerfully and with wisdom.

You will be required to provide your baptismal name during the online registration for water baptism. We apologise that we are unable to accommodate any name changes or additions after the water baptism has taken place, as the baptism certificate is a legal document.

A printed copy of the baptism certificate will be mailed to you within 1-2 weeks after the water baptism.

WHO CAN I INVITE FOR THE WATER BAPTISM SESSION?

For participants baptising as an individual or in twos, you can invite a maximum of three family members or friends¹ who have a local residential address in Singapore².

For participants who are baptizing as a group of 3, you can invite two family members or friends who have a local residential address in Singapore.

For participants who are baptizing as a group of 4, you can invite only one family member or friend who have a local residential address in Singapore.

For participants who are baptising as a group of 5, you will not be able to invite any witnesses for the water baptism session as the maximum group size is 5 persons.

¹Do note that children regardless of age will be counted as one member

²Family or friends invited will need to produce their NRIC/FIN for checking of home address

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY FAMILY IS LATE ON THE DAY OF THE BAPTISM? CAN I PROCEED TO THE VENUE FIRST?

Participants will need to arrive together with their family/friends at the designated time slot that they have selected. Only complete groups (with their family/friends present) are allowed to proceed.

Please remind your family and friends to be punctual if they would like to witness your baptism.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM LATE FOR THE WATER BAPTISM?

Participants are strongly encouraged to keep to the allocated batch timing. If you are late and have missed the batch timing, you will be assigned to the end of the following batch timing.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF THE PARTICIPANTS?

- Health & travel declaration for all staff, servers, participants and witnessing family members prior to arriving at the baptism venue
- If a person falls into any of these categories, he/she will be refrained from attending the event:
 - (1) Person or any member of the Person's household is currently serving a Leave of Absence (LOA), Home Quarantine Order (HQO), Stay-Home Notice (SHN) or Approval Absence (AA).
 - (2) Person is on medical leave.
 - (3) Person has experienced any of the following symptoms, of any severity, within the last 3 days before the event (event date including): fever, cough, runny nose, sore/itchy/scratchy throat or shortness of breath.
 - (4) Person has seen a doctor for any of the following symptoms in the last 14 days (event date including): fever, cough, runny nose, sore/itchy/scratchy throat or shortness of breath
 - (5) Person or any member of the Person's household has recently returned to Singapore from an overseas travel (from any country) within the last 14 days (event date including).
- Temperature checks for all staff, servers, participants and witnessing family members prior to arriving at the baptism venue
- Operating capacity to be kept to no more than 50 persons at any one time, at the baptism venue
- Staggered arrival, with separate entry and exit points, to ensure sufficient safe distancing and minimal cross-interactions between different groups
- Increased cleaning and sanitising of our facilities

IS IT SAFE FOR ME TO GO INTO THE WATER?

The pool water used is according to public pool standards. Public pools in Singapore have been opened since 16 July 2020.

Measures are put in place to ensure safe distancing between groups at all times, even in the water.

ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

If you still have any queries, please contact Pastoral Services at 6338 4555 (Monday – Friday, 10am to 6pm) or email us at water.baptism@newcreation.org.sg.
