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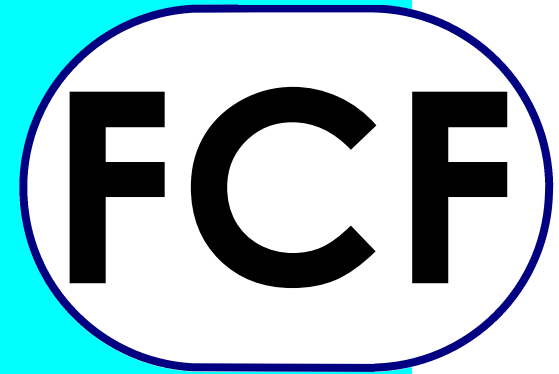
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## Baptism

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*The responsibility of every believer in obedience to the Lord Jesus expressing in symbolic form, identification with the Lord Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection.*

Matthew 28 v 18 - 20 "...make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

We practice baptism in the form of **total immersion**, identifying with the Lord Himself,

As soon as Jesus was baptised He **went up out of the water**.... Matthew 3 v 16

And with the believers in the early days of the church both Philip and the Eunuch **went down into the water**.... Acts 8 v 34-38

Only those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ may be baptised as it is;

A picture of identifying with the Lord in death i.e dying to self (by being buried under the water)

Galations 2 v 20 & Romans 6 v 2-4

- A sign of being raised from the dead (coming up out of the water)
- Demonstrating a desire to walk in newness of life through the power of the Holy Spirit

A witness to belief in Christ to all whom are present at the baptism

## Requesting baptism

Those wishing to be baptised should make their request known to one of the elders.

Arrangements will be made for the elders to speak with the candidate to establish that they have come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that they have a clear understanding of the significance of the act.

An announcement will be made to the members of the fellowship and arrangements made for the baptism to take place at a public service.

## Baptism considerations

- In the case of those under 18 seeking baptism, the elders will take steps to ensure that their parents or guardian are fully aware of their decision. Some difficulties may arise when the parents of those seeking baptism are opposed to it, in such cases the elders will counsel delay in the interest of family harmony and advise discussing the matter fully with parents to seek their approval.

- Difficulties may also arise when a married partner does not agree with a decision to be baptised. The elders will counsel a delay and seek to resolve the matter as above.

In some exceptional circumstances, such as certain medical conditions, which prevent baptism by immersion the intention will be taken for the act.

