# BAPTISM

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#### What is Water Baptism?

- A public declaration of faith
- An outward expression of what God has done in us when we accepted Christ
- An identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- A symbol of cleansing from sin
- Not a prerequisite for salvation or baptism in the Holy Spirit but an act of obedience that follows salvation

Bible references: Romans 6:3-11; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12

### Why are we baptized?

- To obey God's command
- To follow Jesus who modeled baptism
- To participate in an important and long-standing practice of the Christian Church

Bible references: Acts 2:38; Matthew 3:13-15; Matthew 28:18-20

### Who can be baptized?

• Every believer without exception

Bible references: Matthew 3:13-14; Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38

## When do we get baptized?

- As soon as possible after salvation
- It is never too late. Believers can be baptized at any stage of their journey

Bible references: Acts 8:36 &10:47; Luke 23:43

#### How can I get baptized at Riverside?

- Accept Jesus
- Attend a class or talk to a pastor
- · Ask friends and family to attend the service
- Arrive early on the designated Sunday

For more information or to begin the process, please contact the Riverside Church office at 604.472.9988 or email: info@rside.ca

"We invite and encourage all who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, to be baptized in water and we look forward to standing with you as you take this next step in your faith journey."

~ Pastor Terry

#### How to accept Jesus

If you have not yet accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, it is as simple as saying yes to believing in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please pray this prayer;

Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for me. I believe in you and I ask you to forgive me for all my sins. I now accept a restored relationship with you and receive the gift of eternal life. Amen.

**Bible references:** Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."