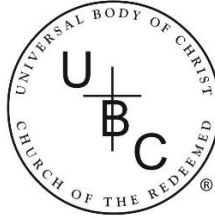


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BAPTISM



In Christianity, baptism is an essential element- one holy sacrament which demonstrates admission to the church, symbolized by immersion in water. Baptism is an essential ritual of the church. The founding Apostles of the Church carried out Jesus' divine orders.

Christ stated, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved (gain eternal life); but he that believeth not shall be damned (to hell, eternal separation from God)."*
Mark 16:16

Today we choose eternal life with God over the temporal life of this world.

The Great Commission of Christ, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*
Matthew 28:19

The Great Commission could only be carried out after the death of Christ, which begins the New Testament, and the New Testament Church. The Apostles did as the Great Commissioner commanded, baptizing them in the Name of Christ Jesus, in whom all the Godhead exists. Colossians 2:9

Those who believe are baptized, and in the church, the **Apostle Paul** says that there's one lord, there's one faith, there's one baptism, one God and Father of all. So baptism is essentially important, this is the initial rite of the Christian's obedience, but it also is a sign that builds up the faith, not only of the person being baptized, but of the rest of the Church community.

As a part of the New Testament Church, today, we baptize _____ as the Apostles did who were commissioned by Jesus Christ to do so, to fulfill Christ's commandment.

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