



# The Chapel

REIGNING GRACE RANCH

**Water Baptism** *Water baptism is an amazing illustration of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, in which we as believers, participate to better understand the meaning and the significance of our extraordinary redemption.*

## Why should I be baptized?

Consider these reasons:

It demonstrates that I believe in Jesus for my salvation and that I am willing to publicly identify with Christ.

*"...many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized."* (Acts 18:8)

*"If you identify with me before men, I will identify with you before my father in heaven."* (Matthew 10:32)

To follow Christ's Example and Command. Simply put, Jesus said to.

*"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.'"* (Matthew 28:19-20)

## What is the meaning of baptism?

Baptism illustrates (symbolizes) cleansing from the stains of sin and a new life in Christ (born again).

*"...turn from your selfish, sinful lives and be baptized for the cleansing of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 2:38)

*"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17, cf. Romans 6:4)

It is the New Testament sign of the Old Testament mark of Covenant.

*"...by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, buried with him in baptism, you are also risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who has raised him from the dead."* (Colossians 2:10-12 NKJV)

## Who should be baptized?

Anyone who's been born again.

*"Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized..."* (Acts 2:41)

*"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."* (Acts 8:12)

## What about the baptism of children?

Provided that they are old enough to articulate their belief in Jesus and understand the significance of believer's baptism they're welcome to be baptized. Obviously, if they can only say "goo-goo-gaa-gaa" they're not ready yet.

## When should I be baptized?

As soon as you have believed!

*"Those who believed...were baptized...that day!"* (Acts 2:41)

There is no reason to delay. When you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect", you'll never feel "good enough!"

## What about the method of baptism?

At RGR we baptize by immersion (complete submersion) in water since this is the method demonstrated in the record of Scripture. We have several options. We can baptize you in the Verde River by Needle Rock, we can arrange for you to be baptized in a trough at RGR, or in someone's residential pool.

Please bring a towel and some clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and wet for your baptism. Most people dress as if they were going to the lake or beach.

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