

## What If I Was Baptized As A Baby?

We are very glad that your parents chose to raise you in a manner that emphasizes the importance of God and spiritual things. This means that they recognize the importance of honoring God with our lives.

We too believe that God should be honored in all that we do in life. That is why we base our lives and our practices on the teachings of God's Word. The Bible is our source of authority in all that we teach and practice. As we read what the Bible teaches about baptism, the pattern is always "Believe and be baptized."

If you were baptized as a baby, you obviously were not able to believe or express faith in God on your own. Your parents were expressing their desire that you live your life in the knowledge, appreciation and love of God. They wanted you to share their belief that God loves you and takes care of you.

Baptism, in the Bible, is a sign or a symbol that a person already believes in Jesus Christ as their Leader, Forgiver, Savior, and Lord. It is a means of identifying oneself as a Christ follower and of saying that your life is committed to Jesus Christ. Baptism is also the public means of identifying with other Christ followers. Jesus Himself commanded that we should be baptized for these reasons. Of course, there is also the matter of simple obedience to Jesus, since He told (commanded) us to do it.

Your choice to be baptized as a Christ follower doesn't change/alter/ or take away anything from your infant baptism. This is a separate event in your life. This is actually the next step in the natural progression of you becoming responsible for and "owning" your personal faith in Jesus Christ. Your parents would want your faith journey to continue down the path where you choose to have a close personal faith in Jesus Christ. And now here you are!

Invite your family to join you as you choose to embrace the values of the Bible and identify with a group of Christ followers who will help you to continue down that often-times difficult path of honoring God with your life.

