

## WATER IMMERSION BAPTISM

Water immersion baptism is an act of worship and obedience after a child or adult is born spiritually into the family of God. When a person responds appropriately to the Holy Spirit's conviction concerning personal sin and believes that Jesus saves from sin, God gives spiritual life to that person through that person's faith in the power of God (Colossians 2:12). Spiritual life includes the eternal indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, Holy Spirit sealing of the believer with promise of the completion of the work God began, and the spiritual baptism into the family of God. Water immersion baptism pictures the believer's death to the life of sin and coming up out of the water pictures new life in Christ free from the bondage of sin (Romans 6:5-14) (1 Peter 1:3-5). Free from bondage to sin means that the Holy Spirit empowers the believer not to sin as the believer learns to cooperate with the Spirit in living the new life with Christ (Galatians 5:16-26). Water immersion baptism also represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as He paid the price for taking away our sin.

**You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13**

**For by the Holy Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether we are Jew or Gentile. We all drink of that one Holy Spirit since the same Holy Spirit fills each believer's life.**

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

**Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all I have commanded. Matthew 28:19**