



# WATER BAPTISM

## WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Since Jesus commanded it, we should need no other reason.

*Jesus said, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Mathew 28: 19-20)*

But we believe that Jesus never asks us to do anything without a good reason. Our salvation is not dependant on water baptism, but it is a clear public statement about who we have become in Christ. Therefore, baptism is not just a personal spiritual experience—it's a public declaration. It's where your oikos is clearly told that you have decided to follow Jesus. In the coming years, your oikos will see why your decision to follow Christ was a good one. But, in the meantime, they shouldn't have to ask, "What makes you different?" Since they will probably accept your invitation and visit HDC to witness your baptism, they will understand your new allegiance in Christ right away.

## WHAT'S THE FIRST STEP?

Come to a baptism class. They are held once a month—the Sunday following baptism. In the class you'll sign up for an appointment with one of our pastors to go over your testimony. And then invite your oikos to the service where you'll be baptized! You'll receive invitation cards in class.

## CAN OUR FAMILY BE BAPTIZED TOGETHER?

Yes!

## I WAS BAPTIZED AS AN INFANT. DO I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED AGAIN?

We would encourage you to be baptized again if you have not been baptized since you became a believer. We would not want to devalue your family history or spiritual experience, but it is important to publicly show others your new commitment to Jesus and to follow the New Testament standard of believer's baptism. "Those who accepted his message were baptized." (Acts 2:41)

