

C3 SYD

Next Step

Water Baptism.



THEREFORE, IF ANYONE
IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW
CREATION HAS COME;
THE OLD HAS GONE,
THE NEW IS HERE!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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**HAVING BEEN BURIED WITH HIM IN
BAPTISM, IN WHICH YOU WERE ALSO
RAISED WITH HIM THROUGH YOUR
FAITH IN THE WORKING OF GOD,
WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.**

Colossians 2:12

What is water baptism?

Water Baptism is a public, outward declaration that reflects our personal, inward faith. This sacred activity symbolises our participation in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It signifies our death to our old life and resurrection as new creations in Christ (**Romans 6:1–8; Colossians 2:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17**).

Baptism is the declaration of the fact we have been brought into God's covenantal community and are now able to participate in its benefits fully. It is the celebration of us entering into union with Christ and his church by grace through faith.

At C3 SYD, being water baptised is a full immersion into water. We are lowered into and raised from the water as a symbol of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

We believe in the importance of being baptised by people who you know well and trust. This is usually a connect group leader or pastor.



Why should we get water baptised?

At C3 SYD, we believe in three reasons for getting water baptised.

1. JESUS WAS BAPTISED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR US

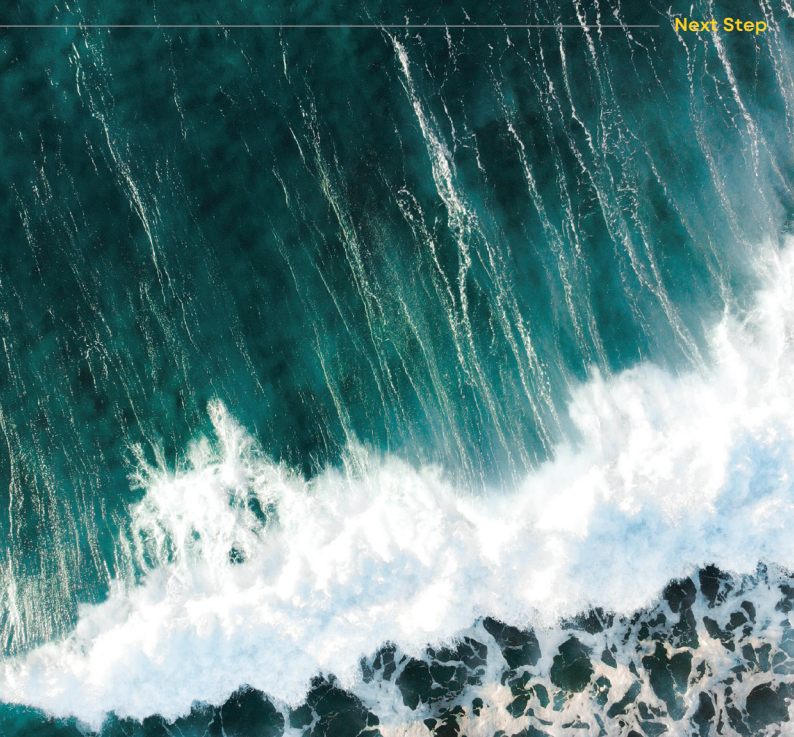
In Mark's gospel, we see Jesus asking John the Baptist to baptise him, not because he needed to be cleansed from sin, but in order for all righteousness to be fulfilled. **(Matt. 3:15)**

2. JESUS COMMANDED IT

Before his ascension, Jesus commanded the disciples saying;

“Go therefore 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 observe all that I have commanded you.”

(Matt. 28:18-20)



3. IT IS A SIGN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Peter and the disciples in the early church continued this practice as they began to proclaim the gospel and teach all that Jesus had commanded.

(Acts 2:38, John 3:5)

Who is this step for?

At C3 SYD, we believe baptism is for anyone who has professed faith in Jesus Christ. This acknowledgement of faith involves the recognition of sin, genuine repentance and the regeneration of the heart of the believer. The old nature is gone, the new has come.

We believe baptism should be a personal decision and declaration of our own faith. Some people get baptised, sprinkled or confirmed as a child, or in another faith community. If they now want to make a personal commitment in this community, we encourage them to consider getting baptised again.

We believe water baptism is a significant moment in the life of the believer, and as such, it should not be entered into lightly. We, as a community, believe it is important that people know what the step is and why they are taking it.



If you are ready to take this step, we are so excited for you! As a community, we support you and will help you prepare for your water baptism moment.

Scan the QR code to find more information and how to sign up to be baptised.



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