



Inner Growth – Baptism

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Ephesian 4:5

Believe ----- Mark 16:16, John 3:16

Abide ----- Psalms 91:1, John 15:4-5,

Proclaim ----- Acts 22:16

Testimony ----- Psalms 19:7, 66:16,
Matthew 10:32

Important ----- John 3:5

Salvation ----- Romans 10:10

Masterpiece ---- Ephesians 2:10

Why baptism? Baptism is a vital step that cements the belief in Jesus Christ. A new convert decides on baptism due to the experience of receiving salvation and believing the living Word of God. The difference here is now and after the Baptismal ceremony. Initially, a new convert has enjoyment in Christ by spending quality time to know Jesus. This time includes attending church regularly that teaches the Bible, reading and studying the word of God, meditating, praying, singing, and praising the Lord. However, to maintain this unique way of life is not possible by human effort alone. Although a person may have a strong desire to love and serve God, eventually they will succumb to worldly pressure and back into the sinful nature. Despite receiving salvation and following the scriptures within the Bible, the flesh is still in control and will oppose the good intentions of the heart.

Baptism provides the opportunity to receive a spiritual cleansing from within while the flesh is no longer in total control. This transition enables the new convert to draw closer to the Lord.

Baptism is an engagement and enables God to look after us. This step is a public demonstration and acknowledgment of the world that we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sovereign God, baptize me in your way Lord so that I can draw closer to you today. Thank you Lord. Amen.