

Baptism Outline

A Scripture-centered baptism plan with preparation, service flow, and next-step discipleship guidance.

Engage with confidence, clarity, and Scripture-centered guidance.

Designed for Ingodspresence ministry leaders and volunteers.

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Purpose

This guide provides a Scripture-based framework for planning a baptism service. Baptism expresses a believer's union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

Preparation

- Meet with the candidate to review the gospel and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10).
- Invite the candidate to share a brief testimony of how they came to faith.
- Confirm logistics: clothing, towels, baptism location, witnesses, and any technical needs.
- Pray with the candidate and encourage them to invite family and friends.

Service structure

1. Welcome and opening remarks

- Read Matthew 28:18-20.
- Explain the meaning of baptism as a public declaration of following Jesus.

2. Testimony

- Invite the candidate to share a brief personal testimony of faith.

3. Scripture reading

- Recommended passages: Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:38.

4. Baptism ceremony

- Conduct the baptism with a short statement, such as:

"[Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

- Use immersion or pouring according to your tradition.

5. Prayer and welcome

- Pray for the baptized believer and celebrate their new identity in Christ.
- Welcome them into the church community.

Follow-up

- Provide next steps: connect the new believer to a discipleship group, a Bible reading plan, and a mentor (Hebrews 10:24-25; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- Encourage consistent prayer, daily Scripture reading, and participation in church life.

Best practices

- Keep the theology clear and accessible.
- Focus on repentance, faith, and new life in Christ.
- Celebrate the baptism as a meaningful step in the believer's spiritual journey.