

**Introduction:** Baptism is not to be over-emphasized, but neither is it an optional commandment. If you have not been baptized...take this test. Maybe you should. If you have...check to see if your baptism was acceptable to God.

### I) Who Should NOT Be Baptized?

1. Unbelievers - *Mark 16:16*  
This will then exclude infants and those mentally incompetent, for they are unable to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Those Unwilling To Change Their Lives - *Acts 2:38*  
This will exclude many, for repentance is a pre-requisite some will not make.
3. Those Improperly Taught - *Acts 19:2-5*  
This excludes all reasons other than God-given ones, such as being baptized to be accepted into a denomination, or to demonstrate one already having been saved by faith only, etc. These and others are man-made, not God directed.

4. Those Pleasing Others - *Galatians 1:10*  
Being baptized to please Mom and Dad, friends, boyfriend or girlfriend, wife or husband, etc., should not be a reason to be baptized.
5. Those Ashamed Of Jesus And Their Faith - *Romans 10:10*  
This excludes the uncommitted, those unwilling to be open with their new faith.

### II) Who SHOULD Be Baptized?

1. Those Who Are Committed - *Matthew 28:19*  
Those planning to be a disciple of Jesus.
2. Lovers Of Truth - *John 8:32*  
Those wanting to do the right thing.
3. Humble People - *Acts 8:30-31*  
Those willing to submit to Lordship of Christ.
4. Those Who Recognize Their Lost Condition - *Acts 8:36*  
This produces a sense of urgency.
5. Those improperly "baptized" -  
Gr. "baptizo" is Eng. "baptize" = immersion. The Greek word for "sprinkling" is "rhantizo"

and "pouring" is "katacheo", both of which appear in the Bible, but are not used to describe baptism.

### III) Common Excuses For Procrastinating

1. "Don't know enough yet" - What will be enough? Are you getting close?
2. "I am afraid I will not remain faithful" - With God, all things are possible!
3. "I will be baptized later, when I settle down" - But what if you die today!

**Conclusion:** Of course, there must be a maturity in understanding all of this; an age of responsibility and accountability has to be reached.

\* If we can assist you in being baptized into Christ, call on us anytime day or night. (Acts 16:33)

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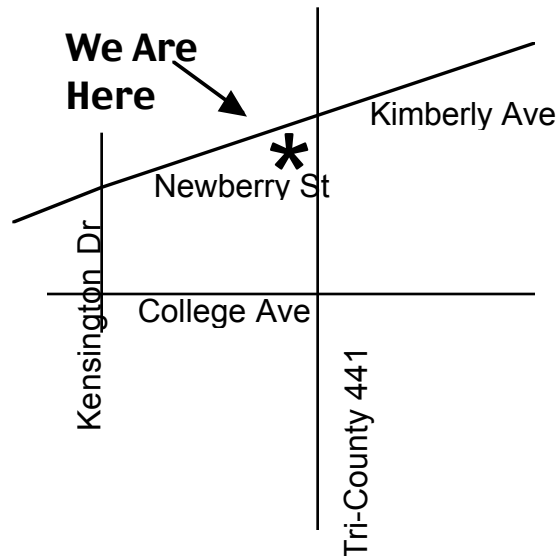
### Service Times

#### Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.  
General Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship Hour - 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.



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totally undenominational*

# Should I Be Baptized?

