

# Baptism

Baptism is a sacrament ceremony, which is known as the initiation of someone's life. It is known to wash away your sins you have done, and God will be present for your whole life. There are two types of Baptism, infant baptism (for babies) and believer's baptism (for adults).

In infant baptism, a variety of events happen. This kind of baptism can be occurred in Christian churches and Catholic churches on Sundays. The baby will be wrapped in white cloth. Everyone will go to the font (where babies get baptised) with the priest and the baby. Then, the parents will have to accept a series of promises the priest gives them for the baby. After that, the priest would dip their thumb in holy oil, sign a cross on the baby's head, and say 'Christ claims you as his own!'. Everyone else dips their hand in water and signs the baby's head. Then, they pour the holy water in the font and after that the priest uses their hands to get the water from the font to pour the water on the baby's forehead to baptise it. After it gets baptised, At the end of the ceremony, the priest calls the parents to light a candle for the baby.

The parents think baptism is important that their baby gets baptised because they believe that God is present, and he blesses the child also. They think God also does the baptism and as the child grows, God will be with the baby. It is also a sign of the Original Sin removed.

Adult baptism, also known as believer's baptism, is very different than infant baptism. You can do this kind of baptism in a Baptist church. Just like the infant baptism, it only has Sunday service, and the adult will have to schedule when. He/she will first wear all white, then will take baptism classes for 2 to 3 days, which tells him/her all about baptism that he/she needs to know and so that the adult will agree on what decision they are making. After a few days, the adult will go in a pool with 2 other people, which is filled up to about their shoulders. The priest will ask him/her a question, immerse him/her with the help of the other person, lifts the adult up, dries him/her up and the event ends.

They think it is important that you get baptised as an adult so that your sins gets washed away as you start your new life. You identify Jesus' life, death and resurrection. They also think that you will go to heaven.

Some symbols of baptism include: the dove, the white garment, water, light and most importantly, the cross. Making the sign of a cross over the child during the infant baptism requests for God's protection and asks for entrance into the body of the Christian church. This symbol is seen a lot in churches and is also one that people are familiar of out of all symbols. The white garment, also known as white cloth, is the colour of purity. Wearing the white garment during the baptism symbolises that the person being baptised will start off a clean life and a unique one, after getting the Original Sin washed away first, of course. Water is the symbol of divine life, and a sign of purity and cleansing from the sin. The light is symbolised as a lighted candle passed to the baby's godparents. In baptism, the dove represents the holy spirit. Because a dove appeared at Jesus' baptism, this showed that God would pay the price for the sins of humanity.

I think infant baptism is more meaningful than believer's baptism. A lot of different events happen to the baby after they get baptised. God will be with you for your whole life and also, the Original Sin is removed from the child at infant baptism, unlike believer's baptism, which washes away the sins you made except the Original Sin. In infant baptism, the priest signs a cross on the baby's forehead with oil, which represents that the baby is protected by Jesus. Both baptisms are sacraments and they also both wear white cloth to show purity when being baptised.

A quote for Adult/Believer's baptism is "God sometimes takes us into troubled waters not to drown us but to cleanse us.", and a quote for Childrens'/Infant baptism is "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."